

Vocabulary.

Word	Meaning/Synonym	Example
Anatomy (n.)	parts of "body"	
To debate (v.)	to give an opinion, converse, argue	
To humiliate (v.)	to make someone feel bad, usually in front of others	
To achieve (v.)	to gain something	
Leader (n.)	the person you follow	
Humble (adj.)	modest, when you don't brag/boast	
Pleasant (adj.)	something you like, nice	
Unpleasant (adj.)	opposite of pleasant	
Delay (n.)	to arrive/come late	
Meager (adj.)	a tiny quantity,	
Glory (n.)	fame	
To endorse (v.)	to support a person or thing, to "advertise" for them	
Grandeur (n.)	super elegant, fancy, big, extra	
To shape (v.)	to give shape/form	
"to get drunk on power"	when someone becomes powerful and they become egotistical	
"to cave in"	to collapse	
"on the table"	to present an idea or opinion	

Before Listening.

What do you think the audio will be about? Why?

Listen to the audio, then answer the questions.

1. What is the word they are discussing?
2. Congress debated what to call who?

Listen again and answer the questions.

1. “_____ can't control the _____. The _____ controls _____.”
2. Which of the following was *not* a suggestion on the table to call George Washington?
 - a. Chief Magistrate
 - b. King
 - c. His highness
 - d. Bunny rabbit
 - e. Protector of the Liberties of the People of the United States
3. How long did the debate go on for?
 - a. Three weeks
 - b. One month
 - c. Six days
 - d. No information
4. “And the reason for the delay and the boredom was that the House of Representatives were against the Senate. The House of Representatives didn't want Washington to _____. They didn't want to call him King in case that gave him ideas or his successor ideas. So they wanted to give him the humblest, meagerest, most pathetic title they could think of.”
5. “The word was almost, like, designed to _____ George Washington.”
6. “In the end they could have called him _____ Washington.”
7. What are the three interesting things learned from the Senate refusing to agree to the term “president”?
 - a. The Senate has never formerly _____ the title of President
 - b. When a government says that this is a temporary measure, you can still be waiting _____ later
 - c. The title President of the United States of America doesn't sound that _____ at all these days
8. Reality and history have endowed that title with _____.
9. How many countries have a president today?
10. “I think we _____ language more than it _____ us. And reality - history shapes _____. And that's the beautiful thing - it's lovely when you can trace the history of words because you suddenly - you stop and say, what, it meant that back then? And it _____ the way you see the word and the way the _____ has changed that _____.”

Discussion

1. Why did Senate object to the word?
2. Why does Forsyth suggest they call him Bunny Rabbit?
3. What does Forsyth say about a kitten? Why is this important?
4. What is the overall theme of the audio
5. What is your opinion? Do you agree with Forsyth that history and reality can shape a word? Why or why not?