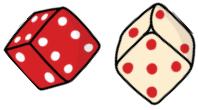


Rethinking the Language of Gambling

Words Matter: Let's Talk About Gambling with Clarity and Care



Common Term

"Just for fun"

"Lucky streak"

"Safe bet"

"Beat the odds"

"High Roller"



Why It's Harmful

Downplays financial or emotional consequences

Suggests skill or fate, not chance

Implies low risk or certainty

Promotes illusion of control

Glorifies risky behavior



Healthier Language

"Can lead to financial stress"

"Random wins by chance"

"All gambling carries risk"

"Odds are always in favor of the house"

"Spending large amounts of money"

Reframe the Myths

Myth

"Gambling is a harmless hobby"

Reframe

"Gambling can become harmful for some individuals"

Myth

"Everyone does it."

Reframe

"Not all students gamble - and many choose not to."

Use words to inform, not influence.

Support your peers with honesty, not hype.