

Swearing in English

A Decide which category each of the swearwords below would go into.

1. *Swearing as an insult*
 2. *Swearing as an exclamation of surprise or anger*
 3. *Swearing as a comma or for the purpose of exaggeration*
 4. *Swearing without actually swearing*
 5. *Swearing as a vulgar euphemism*
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- a. I didn't **fucking** do nothing, did I you **tosser**?
 - b. Ah **shit**, I just realised I left my wallet in the **bloody** car!
 - c. Who **the fuck** do you think you are, telling me how to raise my kids? **Fuck you!**
 - d. **Christ**, this place smells like **shit!**
 - e. Oh **crumbs**, I just spilled coffee on the floor.
 - f. Dude, you just set fire to your bed! That's totally **fucked up!**
 - g. If we don't improve our sales by next month, we're gonna be in deep **doo doo** before
 - h. the year is out!
 - i. **Goddamn**, you're a **fucking asshole** sometimes. Why don't you just **fuck off** back to your own country?
 - j. Hey, you see that girl over there? She and I totally **fucked** last night.
 - k. Hey, **wanker!** Why don't you try taking on someone your own **fucking** size?
 - j. **Oh my God**, we totally **fucked up!** We're up **shit creek without a paddle!**

B Which of the sentences above do you find the most offensive / rude?