

## Word of the Day – Grasp

### Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's Word of the Day is "**grasp**". "**G**", "**R**", "**A**", "**S**", "**P**". Please don't confuse this word with the word "**gasp**" which is making a breathing sound like, "**gasp**"<sup>(1)</sup>. To grasp means, one, to hold or, two, to understand. In both senses they both mean to hold. So one, "**grasp**" means to hold something slightly.

**"The child grasped the mother's hand out of fear in the movie."**

So they're not really holding tightly but they are just grabbing, slightly. And the second term is where we really use the word grasp is to mean slight understanding. So we really can't hold the whole idea, we don't really understand it completely but we have a slight understanding. Just as a mother's hands were touching the tips of the fingers we're touching the tip of the idea. We can understand a little bit but not fully. So we can say,

**"I grasped the concept but I still need to rehash the ideas to completely understand and give you my thorough report."**

So in this sense, "**grasp**" means to slightly understand. It's slightly holding the idea. I hope you can use grasp in your daily lives and thank you for listening to Practicast. You can find the script at Practicus.co.kr

<sup>(1)</sup>Editor's Note: The sound that Linda makes is a gasp. Phonetically it sounds more like "hauhhhhh!" In language we use onomatopoeias to describe sounds just like a dog says "Bark, Bark" in English but in Korean uses "멍멍". Therefore the correct onomatopoeia when gasping has the same spelling as the verb, "**gasp**".