

## Word of the Day – **Vulnerable**

### Transcript

Hi everyone! Today's word of the day is **vulnerable**. The word **vulnerable** means to be susceptible to being hurt or susceptible to being affected easily. And this can generally describe a person but it can also describe the economic situation such as economic markets or it can just describe anything that is sensitive. I usually use the phrase "to be **vulnerable to something**". So in this case I can describe the housing market.

**"Because the housing market was vulnerable to investors pulling out the economy quickly collapsed."**

Or I can describe this as a person generally.

**"So as a young child the little girl suffered from mono[1] and therefore was vulnerable to illness in the future."** So in this case vulnerable can also be substituted with the word susceptible or easily sensitive to catching illness.

I can also change the word **vulnerable** to the word **vulnerability**. **So in this case I can describe Virginia Wolf's<sup>[2]</sup> character Clarissa in Mrs. Dalloway<sup>[3]</sup> had a vulnerability about her.** She was both naïve and sensitive in the inside which made her unstable but on the external side, she appeared strong. So **vulnerable** shows someone's internal instability. And maybe this is something we can or we can't see but it makes them as easy target to something that are dangerous or something that can hurt them.

So I hope you can use the word **vulnerable** or **vulnerability** in your everyday lives. And thank you for listening to Practicus. You can find the script online at [Practicus.co.kr](http://Practicus.co.kr). Thank you and have a good day.

[1] Medical Reference: [Mono Wikipedia Page Link](#)

[2] Author Reference: [Virginia Wolf Wikipedia Page Link](#)

[3] Book Reference: [Mrs. Dalloway Naver Page Link](#)