

## Word of the Day – **Complement**

### Transcript

Hi Everyone. Today's word of the day is **complement**. **Complement** means to go well with, to match well, to look good together or to complete something. Usually it has two parts and it's a very visual word so when I use **complement** I am describing how something looks, such as matching colors, or how something smells, the fragrance or perfumes. Or I'm describing two separate tastes and how they match well or go well with together. I can use it in this way. I can describe food in this instance,

**"Red wines complement red meat."**

In this way, red wines pair well with red meat. So when I have red wine and red meat together, they taste good together. I can also use the word complement in describing clothes. For instance,

**"The white pearls complemented the wedding dress well."**

In this case white pearls and a wedding dress, presumably white, go well together. In another way I can describe someone's personality.

**"So his quirky personality complemented her capricious style of living."**

So in this way, the two separate and distinct personalities go well together and they match well together. And when I hear the word **complement** I associate this with a sort of visual word. So I can see these two distinct parts coming together as one and making a complete image or a complete component.

One thing to be careful of in the word **complement** is that it sounds very similar to the "compliment" which means praise or good words. The difference in spelling is the difference between an "e" and an "i". So be careful when you use the word **complement**. Thank for listening to today's word of the day and I hope you can use **complement** in your everyday lives. You can find the script at [Practicus.co.kr](http://Practicus.co.kr). Thank you.