

Word of the Day – **Maniac**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **maniac**. I can use the word **maniac** in two ways. The first definition is someone who is actually insane. They're a lunatic or they're actually crazy. And the second way I can use **maniac** is someone who is overzealous so that it seems crazy but it's not really crazy at all. And here's an example of the first definition for someone who is insane.

"The maniac was released from prison and put into an asylum last night in an attempt to keep the other prisoners safe and out of harm's way. He will be left under constant surveillance."

So in this way the prisoner was actually crazy. The second way I can use this is to describe my father. He loves the Boston Red Sox^[1] and I can say that he's a sports **maniac**.

"My father loves the Boston Red Sox baseball team. He's a "Sox" maniac and has sports paraphernalia all over the house."

This word really suits him because we have toothbrushes and pictures all over the house and that really describes a sports **maniac**. I hope you can use this word **maniac** to describe somebody who has extreme passion or somebody who is crazy. Thank you for listening to Practicast. You can find the script at [Practicus.co.kr](http://www.practicus.co.kr). Thank you and have a good day.

[\[1\] Boston Red Sox. American Major Baseball League team.](#)

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