

## Word of the Day – Deprecate

### Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **deprecate**. **Deprecate** means to condemn, to denounce, or to belittle. So basically it's making something smaller and it's a very negative word. It actually means from Latin to ward off a disaster. And it's typically used in politics or computer software programming. But since I don't know about computer programming, then I'm going to use a law example.

**"The bill has essentially been depreciated as it has no use any longer."**

But typically when I hear the word **deprecate** I hear another form and that's the word **depreciation**. So I'm usually hearing the noun form. And **depreciation** mean, again, to lower in value or words and it's usually directed toward money, items, or the like. The most common use of the word **depreciation** is **self-depreciation** and this means to lower one's self, to put yourself down, to belittle your achievements. And this is different from being humble because it can often can make the listener feel uncomfortable. It can almost be interpreted as having a lack of confidence. And typically a lot comedians give a lot o jokes that are of **self-deprecating** nature. So I can use it in this way,

**"The comedian talked about growing up as a fat child and continues his jokes about self-depreciation throughout the evening."**

So in this way, you're making fun of yourself, putting yourself down. Sometimes this can be funny for others but it also have a very negative connotation to it. So I hope you can use the **self-depreciation**, **depreciation**, or **deprecate** in your everyday lives. Thank you for listening to Practicast. You can find the script at [Practicus.co.kr](http://Practicus.co.kr). Thank you and have a good day.