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Word of the Day – **Discrepancy**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **discrepancy**. **Discrepancy** is a noun. It has a negative connotation. I highly recommend that you use this word because it will make you sound more of an intelligent speaker and more importantly it will make your arguments stronger.

The definition of **discrepancy** is an instance of difference or inconsistency. You use this word to describe when things don't match up, things don't add up, or when things are not logical. You can use this word when describing business documents or people's stories.

A very common case would in a company. Let's pretend you are an accountant. You see some Excel files that the company made 1 million dollars, but the company's bank account only has 900,000 dollars. They don't match. You can say to your manager,

“Excuse sir. I've been going over these documents and there seems to be a discrepancy. Our bank balance doesn't match our bookkeeping records.”

Another key situation you will see **discrepancy** is in a police investigation. Let's say you are a police detective. You are trying to solve a murder. There were two men who you think killed a girl. You interview them but their stories are different. You can say,

“After talking with the two suspects, there are many discrepancies in their stories. Their stories don't add up. Therefore I believe either one of them is lying or both of them are lying.”

So remember, use **discrepancy** when describing error in work and when you are trying to catch someone lying.

I hope you can use this word, **discrepancy**, in your daily lives. If you need more information or if you'd like the full transcript, you can go to Practicus.co.kr. Thank you very much and take care.