

## Word of the Day - **Abolish**

### Transcript

Hi Everyone. Today's word of the day is **abolish**. **Abolish** means to do away with something, to ban, to destroy, to put an end to and even to annul something. **Abolish** is associated with the words law, with the program with a system, it's usually ending something that was long standing, and typically political in nature. **Abolish** seems similar to the words prohibit and ban but in this case abolish is usually stronger than the words prohibit and ban. Usually when we use the words prohibit we use it with an object or action. So "I prohibit you from chewing gum in the classroom". Or if I use the word ban, I'm also banning or ending an object or action such as smoking. But **abolish** is again used in a more formal setting with the words law or systems.

And we would never say, "**abolish** smoking". I can use the word **abolish** in this way.

**"There was recently a report that called for Japan to abolish its nuclear program next year."**

So this means to end its nuclear program completely. A second way, I can use the word **abolish**, actually I usually associate the word **abolish** with slavery or the end of slavery. This movement is associated with the **abolitionist movement** or **abolitionism**. And someone who is fighting to end slavery is called an **abolitionist**. And here's an example,

**"Harriet Beecher Stowe's book titled "Uncle Tom's Cabin"<sup>[1]</sup> emphasized the inhumane act of slavery and helped abolitionists fight to end slavery in the 1800's."**

So usually again the word abolish is associated with laws, programs, or systems and it's typically associated with the end of slavery. So I hope you can use the word abolish in your everyday lives. Thank you for listening to the Word of the Day. You can find the script at [Practicus.co.kr](http://www.practicus.co.kr). Thank you and have a good day.

<sup>[1]</sup> [Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Wiki Link](http://ko.wikipedia.org/wiki/툼_아저씨의_오두막)

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