

Word of the Day – **Curtail**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **curtail**. **Curtail** means to cut back, to reduce, to lesson or to curb something. If we think of the word that sounds similar, you can think of the word "curtain" or the drapes that go over a window. If you think of this image, we pull the curtains back and out of the way to see through the window and in this way we are reducing the fabric that we had seen and we're pulling it back and that it's sort of curbing and lessening what we had seen in front of our lives. And usually the word curtail is associated with a problem or situation and I can use it in this way,

"To curtail the problem of obesity in the school-age children, educators are encouraging more nutrition classes and a change of the school lunch menu."

So in this situation, I'm **curtailing** the problem. And it's typically used in poli sci (political science) classes, business classes, not in everyday speech. So I hope when you recognize the word **curtail** you can think of the word "curtain" and something being pulled back and being reduced. Thank you for listening to the Word of the Day. You can find the script at Practicus.co.kr. Thank you and have a good day.