

Word of the Day – Reserved

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **reserved**. When I hear the word **reserved** I might think that I'm talking about dinner reservations but in this case **reserved** is representative of a personality trait. And it means someone is keeping something to themselves, not being revealing about their feelings, or their personality. But they're not hiding it. Maybe they're typically just quiet and **reserved** is a good way to describe this kind of person. Here's an example,

“Gabe hardly spoke to the other students and usually his reserved personality was mistaken for being cold.”

So reserved people sometimes we don't know their inner personalities so we're maybe feeling that they're cold to us but in fact this is just sort of a neutral way to describe their quiet personality. I can also use the word **reserved** to describe how I'm feeling. So I want to speak but I know I need to restrain myself. So here reserved can also mean a restraint of your actual feelings. And here's an example,

“After the tax evasion scandal the president's representative made reserved comments, saying that the issue was unfortunate but there were no reports of the actual involvement of the president.”

So in this way he just gave small information about representing the president but did not actually confirm any of the involvement of the president. So these comments were very restrained.

When we also have a problem at school. Maybe we don't get along with a classmate, the teacher can ask, “How do you feel about this classmate?”

You can think to yourself, “I have **reservations** about making a comment towards that.”

So this means I think I should be restrained; I have **reservations**. So I hope you can use the word **reserved** to describe a personality trait or **reservation** to describe restraint in your everyday lives. Thank you for listening to Practicast. You can find the script at Practicus.co.kr. Thank you and have a good day.