

Word of the Day – **Ultimatum**

Transcript

Hi everyone, this is Paul. Today's Practicus Word of the Day is **ultimatum**. **Ultimatum** is a noun. And the definition of **ultimatum** is a final, uncompromising demand where if you do not agree then there is a severe punishment or separation. It's usually only used in a negative context but it can be used in a formal or informal situation.

So most of the time it describes when you are put in a situation by another person, so you only have two choices. It's usually used at an extreme point in a fight where one person doesn't want to argue anymore. It is usually used to complain about another person and you have to understand that an **ultimatum** is usually seen as unfair and maybe selfish.

So there's three ways I want to use **ultimatum**. First is with your boss. Say if you have an argument with your boss and he finally says, "Hey! Do this or your fired." You can say this,

"My boss gave me an ultimatum. He said that if I don't do what he says then I'll be fired."

Ultimatum means two choices: agree or be fired. Another way commonly used is in relationships. You can say,

"My girlfriend gave me an ultimatum. She told me if I say my ex-girlfriend again she would dump me."

So **ultimatum** means so second chances. It doesn't mean if I meet my ex-girlfriend two times, three times, four times ... just once. No second chances. No other options. No more discussion. Another more friendly way you can use **ultimatum** is with your children. Say you have a child and she won't brush her teeth. You can say this,

"If you don't brush your teeth, I'm not going to give you any more toys."

So you're giving an **ultimatum** to your child. So if you'd like the full transcript or more information you can go to Practicus.co.kr. Thank you and take care.