

## Word of the Day – Exonerate

### Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **exonerate**. **Exonerate** means to simply clear someone from blame or accusation. If we look at the word **exonerate** we can think of the first syllable as "ex". "Ex" is to do away with or you can think of exit, expel, or ex-wife. These are all things to do away with so in the case of **exonerate** it's doing away with the charges, or the blame that was put on that person. Usually this is finding an innocent person who was originally thought to be guilty. And here's an example:

**"The court hearing exonerated the man from the tax evasion charges."**

Or I can use it in terms of school as well. **"The school board hearing exonerated the boy from charges of plagiarism."**

So in both cases, both parties were being charged as being guilty for either tax evasion or plagiarism but in this case after hearing, after trial, they're found innocent and all the charges disappear or cleared completely from the slate.

And so when I use the word **exonerate**, the word order is usually **"to be exonerated from 'something'"**. So **"to be exonerated from tax evasion charges"**, **"to be exonerated from plagiarism"**. So usually that's the order we can use this word in. So I hope you can use the word **exonerate** or **exonerated** in your everyday lives. Thank you for listening to Practicast. You can find the script at [Practicus.co.kr](http://Practicus.co.kr). Thank you and have a good day.