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Word of the Day – **Merit**

Transcript

Hi everyone, this is Paul. Today's word of the day is **merit**. **Merit** is a noun and the definition of **merit** is that it is a meaning of something that deserves or justifies a reward, something that is done that's an accomplishment or a positive point. So usually **merit** is used in a formal and positive connotation. So in most places you'll find it used at work, for example, when you're talking about raises in salary or promotions in positions. So you'll hear it like this,

“Company promotions and salary raises will be given out based on merit, and not just experience.”

So what you're trying to say here in this sentence is that when people get promotions or when they get raises in their salary it'll be based on their accomplishments, their achievements on their work. Not just because they've been at the company for a long time. Another way you can use this word is,

“We have a merit based system for giving out bonuses.”

So in this case you are trying to describe that only people that accomplish good things or have excellent records will be given bonuses.

So I hope I've explained the word very clearly to you today. If you need more information or if you'd like the full transcript, go to Practicast.co.kr. Thank you very much and take care.