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Word of the Day – **Meddle**

Transcript

The word of the day today is **meddle**. **Meddle** is a verb. You can also use this word as an adjective, **meddling** or **meddlesome**. This word is used to describe someone who independently interferes with someone else's business or matter with no encouragement. This is not a positive word. Generally this word is used to describe a busybody.

For instance, let's say you live in a very small apartment complex, and your upstairs neighbor who clearly has too much time on her hands is always going through your mail and she sometimes notes when you leave the apartment. She always notes when you arrive late. She seems to take an uncommon interest in your personal life. You could say,

"I think I may have to move. My upstairs neighbor is so meddlesome, I don't know what to do."

In another example, you could use this word to describe a co-worker. Let's say the officemate next to your cubicle always asks about the projects and offers advice on how to do your work. You could say,

"My officemate is unbelievable. He always <u>meddles with</u> my work without my consent. Do you think Human Resources will be able to address this with me?"

So in this instance, you are at your wit's end, and are tired of the unwanted and unwelcome help your officemate is providing, to the extent of going to Human Resources. I hope you found this word useful in expressing your thoughts more clearly. For more information you can find the script at Practicus.co.kr.