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Word of the Day - **Bracket**

Transcript

Hi everyone. This is Paul. Today's word of the day is **bracket**. **Bracket** is a noun but it can also be used as a verb. Isn't used informally and formally and it's very neutral. So **bracket** is a very diverse word. **Bracket** in the most literal sense means a piece of metal or wood that is used to hold things together. So usually, **brackets** are used in desks to hold them together, also in buildings, and also another word you can say is "staple" too. In writing and mathematics you use it to close words or numbers with two marks similar to parentheses. But in most common cases you're going to hear in two ways: in sports and in income. So my first example for sports would be when you're referring to a sports team playing in a tournament. So you hear this a lot when you're hearing about college basketball or the NBA or the American Baseball League.

"In the junior NCAA basketball league, the two teams Minnesota and Dakota will be playing in the first bracket."

So in this case, if you've ever looked at a round robin tournament schedule, you'll see that everything is made up of little squares or **brackets**. Now the second most common way to use bracket is with income. So if you want to describe something formally rich or poor, you can say **high income bracket, lower income bracket**. So you can use it in this way,

"People who would like to lower taxes are usually from the high income bracket and those who would like to raise taxes are usually in the low income bracket."

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