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Word of the Day – **Ethnic**

Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **ethnic**. **Ethnic** is an adjective. It has a very neutral connotation which is very useful and practical in the real world. Feel free to use it in formal and informal situations. The definition of **ethnic** is to describe something that related to a certain group of people, culture, religion, or language.

This word is very useful when you want to describe an object, especially food, or a person. It is important to use when you want to be polite and useful when you want to avoid sounding racist, or if you want to appear accepting of other cultures and people.

You can use it when describing food that is not native to your own country. Instead of saying foreign food, you could say,

“Hey John, I don't feel like eating Korean food today. Could we try some exotic ethnic food for dinner?”

So you are saying to your friend John that you don't want to eat local style food but rather food from another country.

Another practical usage of the word **ethnic** is describing people and their backgrounds. Say you have a friend whose parents are both Korean but he is an American citizen. You could say he's Korean-American but some people may be confused. Is his father American and his mother Korean? Does he can dual citizenship? So you can say,

“My friend Minsu is an American but he is ethnically Korean.”

I hope you can use the word **ethnic** in your daily lives. If you'd like the full transcript please go to Practicus.co.kr. Thank you and take care.