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## Word of the Day –Contingency

### Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **contingency**. The word **contingency** is used as a noun. It can have a neutral connotation. You'll find it used more in formal situation rather than casual situations. The definition of **contingency** is an event or situation that depends on chance or another uncertain situation. You can also think of it as a possible incident that can happen or a particular path a situation can take out of many different possibilities.

The most common situation you'll use or hear this word is when you're planning or preparing for something. This could be a wedding, a sports event, or even a robbery. For example, you are planning a surprise birthday party for your best friend. She is supposed to come home at 8pm but your friends are worried that the subway will be too busy and your friend will be late to the party. But, you've already thought of this and prepared accordingly. You can say,

**“Hey guys, don't worry about it. I have a contingency plan. If the subway is too crowded then her brother will drive her home.”**

So, in this situation you can use the phrase **contingency plan** interchangeably with **backup plan**. Another phrase you can use when you want to describe that you've prepared for every single problem in planning an event is,

**“You have nothing to worry about. I've planned for every single contingency. Even if everything goes wrong, I'll be ready.”**

I hope you can use this word **contingency** in your daily lives. If you'd like the full transcript please go to [Practicus.co.kr](http://Practicus.co.kr). Thank you and take care.