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## Word of the Day – **Centerpiece**

### Transcript

Hi everyone. Today's word of the day is **centerpiece**. **Centerpiece** is a noun. This word can be freely used in casual conversation and formal situations. It is a neutral word but most of the time you'll find it being used in a positive way.

You can easily infer the definition of this word by looking at its key vocabulary roots. The first being "center", meaning the "middle" of something. And the second half being "piece", meaning a "part" of something. Therefore together they mean to describe something that is the main focus or something that is the central feature of something.

There are two common situations that this word is used. The first is when you are trying to describe a tangible object, or an object you can touch. Usually in this case, it will be for an event or celebration, for example a wedding. Often there is a main decoration that is the center focus of the room's theme or style. Usually it's an arrangement of beautiful flowers, a statue, or even an ice sculpture. A friendly compliment you can give would be,

**"I really like this centerpiece. It's absolutely amazing and really brings the whole room together."**

The second way to use the word "**centerpiece**" would be for something that is not tangible, something that you cannot physically touch. You can use it to describe the main "idea" or the significant "point" of a plan or project. For example you can say,

**"Even though there are many parts to this business proposal, I would like to highlight the centerpiece of this plan: to create new jobs and grow our company internationally."**

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