

How to say 'What' in Korean

무엇 (mu-ot): This is the basic form of the word 'what' in Korean. However, it usually does not stand on its own like this. (152)

뭐 (mweo): This is the most common way of saying what. It is simplified and you can use it in sentences like: (153)

뭐 해요? (mweo hae-yo): What are you doing? (154)

뭐 먹을까요? (mweo meo-geul-kka-yo): What shall we eat? (155)

There are variations to these that involve using particles, but you will learn that later if you decide to study Korean more seriously.

How to say 'Why' in Korean

Polite: 왜요 (wae-yo): To ask why about something, use this with people you are not close to or just met. (156)

Casual: 왜 (wae): Drop the '요' to use the casual form with your close friends and family. (157)

Examples:

그 여자 정말 싫어 (geu yeo-ja jeong-mal shil-eo): I really dislike that girl. (158)

왜/왜요? (wae/wae-yo) = Why? (159)

*If you start off a sentence with why:

왜 전화 안받았어요? (wae jeon-hwa an-ba-da-sseo-yo): Why didn't you pick up the phone? (160)

You don't need to worry about adding the 요 to the why as it's added onto the end of the sentence.

How to say 'Crazy' in Korean

미쳤어? (mi-chyeo-sseo): This is the most common way of saying crazy. You can pose it as a question or as a statement about someone. However note that most Koreans equate saying this with swearing so I wouldn't recommend using this at all. It's just good to know. (161)

How to say 'Awesome' in Korean

엄청난 (mi-chyeo-sseo) / 대단한 (dae-dan-han) / 굉장한 (gweh-jang-han): These all have slightly different nuances, but can be commonly used for saying something is amazing. (162)

How to say 'Pretty' in Korean

Formal: 예쁩니다 (ye-ppum-ni-da): While you will probably never use this yourself, you may hear this in formal settings. (163)

Polite: 예뻐요 (ye-ppeo-yo): Like always with the " ending, you will want to use this with people with whom you are not very close to. (164)

Casual: 예뻐 (ye-ppeo): Use this with your close friends and family. (165)

Other: 정말 예쁩니다 / 예뻐요 / 예뻐 (jeong-mal ye-ppum-ni-da/ye-ppeo-yo/ye-ppeo): If you want to say someone is really pretty, then you would use these phrases. (166)

How to say 'Beautiful' in Korean

Formal: 아름답습니다 (a-reum-dam-seum-ni-da): A little more complicated than the formal version of pretty right? The good thing is that you will rarely need to use this, but it's still good to put it in your memory bank. (167)

Polite: 아름다워요 (a-reum-da-weo-yo): Use this version with people who are older than you, but not close to you. (168)

Casual: 아름다워 (a-reum-da-weo): Use this with your close friends and family. (169)

How to say 'I'm hungry' in Korean

Formal: 배고픕니다 (bae-go-peum-ni-da): It's unlikely that you'll use this, but if you're ever in a really formal situation, keep this in mind! (170)

Polite: 배고파요 (bae-go-pa-yo): You can say this in most situations with people you don't know well or people older than you. If you're really hungry, it can be sort of an exclamation as well. (171)

Casual: 배고파 (bae-go-pa): Use this with your close friends and family. This can also be used as an exclamation. (172)

How to say 'I'm full' in Korean

Formal: 배부릅니다 (bae-bu-reum-ni-da): Just like hungry in formal Korean, it's unlikely that you'll use this, but it's still good to know. (173)

Polite: 배불러요 (bae-bul-leoyo): You can say this in most situations with people you don't know well or people older than you. If you're really hungry, it can be sort of an exclamation as well. (174)

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Casual: 배불러 (bae-bu-reum-ni-da): Use this with close friends and family to exclaim how full you are after a good meal. (175)

Other: 배고팡 (bae-go-pang): This is a cute, aegyo, way of saying I'm hungry to someone. (176)

How to say 'What is your name' in Korean

Formal: 성함이 어떻게 되세요? / 성함이 어떻게 되십니까? (seong-ha-mi eo-tteo-ke doe-se-yo/seong-ha-mi-eo-tteo-ke doe-sim-ni-kka): You may not of heard of these phrases before because '성함' is the formal way of saying name in Korean. This phrase is used mostly in business meetings but you may also hear this at places like banks, the airport, etc. so this is a good formal phrase to know and remember. (177)

Polite: 이름이 뭐예요? (i-reum-i mweo-ye-yo): This is probably the version you may have already heard. You can use this with most people you've just met. Although it's less formal than the two phrases above, it's still pretty safe to use in most situations. '이름' is the most common way of saying name, and '뭐' means what. (178)

Casual: 이름이 뭐야? (i-reum-i mweo-ya): You would say this to someone like a kid. it would be really rude to use this towards adults. (179)