

Learn Korean Ep. 28: Verb endings (Part 2)

This lesson will cover two more common verb endings that you can use in Korean to add extra meaning to your sentences.

v.s. + 나/나요

Take the verb stem and add "나" if your sentence is casual, or "나요" if your sentence is polite. This verb ending is **only used with questions**. When you use it, it gives the feeling that you're **especially curious to know something**.

맛있나?

"Is it good?"

"맛(이) 있다" means "to be delicious," but can be translated as just "good" (used for food).

영어를 잘 할 수 있나요?

"Can you speak English well?"

오늘 학교에 갔나요?

"Did you go to school today?"

혹시 밥을 드셨나요?

"By chance did you eat?"

"혹시" means "by chance" (adverb).

"드시다" is an extra polite form of "먹다" that you can use when referring to people to whom you wish to show respect to.

v.s. + 군/군요

Take the verb stem and add "군" if your sentence is casual, or "군요" if your sentence is polite. This ending makes your sentence like an exclamation, but is a much **stronger exclamation** than just using 네(요), which we learned in the last episode. You can use this

ending whenever you're **surprised after realizing something**. This ending can translate to something like "Oh really" or "Wow" in some cases.

맛있군!

"It's really good!"

벌써 갔군요.

"Oh, he already left."

대학생이시군요.

"Oh, he's a college student."

"이시다" is an extra polite form of "이다," "to be."

연필이 더 없군요.

"There aren't any more pencils."

"연필" means "pencil."

I should also add that when using this verb ending with **action verbs**, attach "는군" or "는군요" to the end instead of just "군" or "군요."

벌써 가시는군요!

"Oh, he's leaving already!"

"가시다" is simply the extra polite form of "가다" (가다 + "(으)시" = "가시다") for referring to people who you want to show extra respect to.

Conclusion

As always, practice what you're studying in order to really learn these concepts well. If you have any questions, feel free to send me a message through my web site or on YouTube. Good luck in your studies!

