

Learn Korean Ep. 30: "Shall we?"

When you want to ask someone else if they want to do something (or to ask yourself – "Shall I?"), there's a simple form you can use.

verb stem + (을/ㄹ) + 까(요)

Take the verb stem and add "을" if it ends in a consonant, or "ㄹ" if it ends in a vowel. Then add "까," and if you're speaking politely, a "요" to the end.

운동할까요?

"Shall we exercise?" Or, "Shall I exercise?"

다시 만날까요?

"Shall we meet again?"

영화 보러 갈까?

"Shall we go to see a movie?"

Since this sentence doesn't have the "요" at the end, it should only be used in casual situations, such as when speaking to a close friend.

뭘 먹을까?

"What shall we eat?"

"뭘" is a shortened form of "무엇을."

Could

This same form has another meaning, "could," as in "Could he be at home?" *This is not the same "could" as when you're saying that someone is capable of doing something.* This is used whenever you're **wondering** about something.

그 사람이 집에 있을까요?

"Could he be at home?"

내일 비가 올까요?

"Could it rain tomorrow?"

정말 그럴까요?

"Could it really be so?"

지금 뭘 하고 있을까요?

"What could he be doing now?"

Conclusion

Remember that this form has two uses: "Shall we?" (or "Shall I?"), and "could." If you have any questions, feel free to send me a message through my web site or on YouTube. Good luck in your studies!

