

Learn Korean Ep. 35: "Where"

Fortunately, there's only one word you have to learn for "where," but you might use it a bit differently depending on what particles are attached to it.

어디

The word for "where" is just "어디," and it's used whenever you're asking a question about "where" something is.

어디요?

"Where?"

Adding the "요" at the end makes this sentence polite, but you can remove it when speaking to a close friend.

어디에 가요?

"Where are you going?"

This sentence literally means, "Where **to** are you going?" Notice that we added the particle "에" after "어디." However, this particle is actually optional; even if you don't add "에," it's still understood to mean the same thing. The following sentence would therefore mean the same thing:

어디 가요?

"Where are you going?"

철수가 어디 있어요?

"Where is Cheolsoo?"

Remember that although we're not using the particle "에" here, the sentence is understood to mean the same thing.

어디에서 먹을까요?

"Where should we eat?"

This literally means, "Where should we eat **at**?" If you're not familiar with the particle "에서," check out [Learn Korean Ep. 23: "에" and "에서"](#). However, there's another shortcut here too.

Remember how the particle "에" is optional when used after "어디?" Well, it's also optional here, but **only the "에" part**. Therefore, the following sentence would mean the same thing:

어디서 먹을까요?

"Where should we eat?"

어디에서 샀어요?

"Where did you buy that?"

Like before, this literally means, "Where did you buy that **at**?"

한국말을 어디서 공부했어요?

"Where did you study Korean?"

Conclusion

If you have any questions, feel free to send me a message through my web site or on YouTube. Good luck in your studies!

