

## Learn Korean Ep. 38: "What"

There are a few different versions of the word "what" in Korean. Let's take a look at each of them.

### 무엇 (formal) / 뭐 (informal)

The two most common ways to say "what" are "무엇," if you're speaking formally, or "뭐," if you're speaking informally.

When used as a subject, you'd simply add the Subject Marker, and when used as an object, the Object Marker.

Subject:

무엇이 / 뭐가

Object:

무엇을 / 뭘

**무엇을** 먹었습니까?

"What did you eat?" (Formal)

**뭘** 먹었어?

"What did you eat?" (Informal)

**무엇이** 문제입니까?

"What's the problem?" (Formal)

**뭐가** 문제예요?

"What's the problem" (Informal)

**뭐**해요?

"What are you doing?"

## 머 and 모

Here are two additional ways to say "what." Both of these are slang.

"머" is a common slang variation. When using this one, it's most common to leave off the Object Marker, but **not** leave off the Subject Marker.

머해?

"What are you doing?"

머가 그렇게 웃겨?

"What's so funny?"

"모" is a variation of "머," and means the same thing, but is a dialect variation from the city of 부산.

모하노?

"What are you doing?"

## 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!

