

Learn Korean Ep. 46: "In order to"

Let's learn how to say "in order to." A couple of examples would be "in order to buy a house, I need money" or "I went to school in order to study." There are two ways to convey this in Korean, depending on what the verb that follows this form is.

v.s + 기 위해(서)

Take the verb stem and add 기, then add 위해. The 서 afterwards is optional, if you're using an **action verb** after it. Otherwise, just use 위해.

You can use this form whenever you'd like to mean "in order to."

저는 공부하기 **위해서** 학교에 갔어요.

"I went to school in order to study."

집을 사기 **위해** 돈이 필요해요.

"I need money to buy a house."

필요하다 means "to be necessary" and is a *descriptive verb*; therefore use the *Subject Marker* (이/가) after the noun you need, and not the *Object Marker* (을/를).

v.s + (으)러

Take the verb stem and add 으러 if it ends in a consonant, or 러 if it ends in a vowel.

This form also means "in order to" but can **only** be used with verbs that convey *motion* (such as 가다 and 오다, among others).

빵을 사**러** 가게에 갔어요.

"I went to the store to buy bread."

한국말을 공부하**러** 왔어요.

"I came to study Korean."

Advanced Notes

I'd recommend only reading these advanced notes if you are at an intermediate level or higher.

v.s. + 도록

Take the verb stem and add 도록.

This is one more way to say "in order to," but also has a bit of a different translation. It could also translate as "so that," such as "so that I can study" or "so that he can be happy." It's used most often in more formal, or written Korean, including speeches.

제가 공부할 수 있도록...

"...so that I can study"

그가 행복할 수 있도록...

"...so that he can be happy"

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!

