

## Learn Korean Ep. 48: Something, Somewhere, and Someone

Let's go over how to say "something," "somewhere," and "someone." There are actually two ways to say each of these, but you can get away with using just one.

### 무엇인가/뭔가, 어딘가, 누군가

For "something," you can use 무엇인가 (formal) or 뭔가 (casual). However, 뭔가 is used a lot more commonly, so I'd recommend using this instead, but be aware of 무엇인가 as well.

뭔가 먹었어요?

"Did you eat something?"

For "somewhere," you can use 어딘가.

어딘가에 있겠죠?

"It must be somewhere, right?"

And finally, for "someone," you can use 누군가.

누군가 했어요.

"Someone did it."

And that's all! If you're learning Korean for the first time, you can stop reading this lesson here. Beyond here lies intermediate lesson material, and a second way to say "something," "somewhere," and "someone."

## 뭐, 어디, 누구/누가

These are the second set of words. They should look familiar, as they're actually the same words used for "what," "where," and "who."

For "something," you can use 뭐.

But before going further, we need to talk about *emphasis*. The emphasis on the sentence will be different when saying 뭐 to mean "what" and when saying 뭐 to mean "something." The same applies to "where" and "who" as well.

뭐 했어요?

"**What** did you do?"

Here, we are emphasizing 뭐. The resulting 뭐 means "what."

Whenever your emphasis is on the word 뭐, 어디, or 누구/누가, their meanings will remain "what," "where," and "who."

Changing the emphasis away from 뭐, and putting it onto the verb, will change it into "something."

뭐 했어요?

"Did you do **something**?"

Koreans hearing these two sentences would easily notice the difference between the emphases, and understand the sentences differently.

For "somewhere," you can use 어디.

어디 갔어요?

"Did he go **somewhere**?"

어디 갔어요?

"Where did he go?"

For "someone," you can use 누구 or 누가 (누가 when it is used as a *subject*, or 누구 when it is *not the subject*).

누가 했어요?

"Did **someone** do it?"

누구 만났어요?

"Did you meet **someone**?"

누가 했어요?

"**Who** did it?"

## 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!

