

Learn Korean Ep. 53: Even

There are several ways to express "even" in Korean depending on what it is you are trying to say. Let's cover the basics.

noun + 도

Take a noun and add 도.

You might have learned this one already as meaning "too" or "also." Literally, it means "even."

저도

"Me too" or "Even me"

저도 할 수 있어요.

"I can do it too" or "Even I can do it."

사과도 맛있어요.

"Apples are delicious too," or "Even apples are delicious."

~아/어/etc + 도

Take a verb and conjugate it as though you were conjugating the 요 form. If you don't know how to do this, check out [Learn Korean Ep. 2](#) to learn how. Instead of adding 요, add 도.

This means "even if (you do something)." You can use any verb you'd like with it.

학교에 안 가도 숙제는 해야 돼요.

"Even if you don't go to school, you have to do homework."

This form can also be combined with verbs such as 되다 or 괜찮다 to mean "it's okay if (you do something)." This is a common way of asking or giving *permission*.

컴퓨터를 써도 돼요?

"Can I use the computer?"

가도 괜찮아요?

"Is it okay if I leave?"

noun + (이)라도

Here's how to add a bit of emphasis to "even."

When 도 is added to the verb 이다 in the form ~아/어/etc + 도, it can become (이)라도.

Take a noun and add 이라도 if it ends in a **consonant**, or 라도 if it ends in a **vowel**.

Another way to translate this would be "even if (you are)."

제가 미국 사람**이라도** 한국말을 잘 할 수 있어요.

"Even though I'm an American, I can speak Korean well."

스코틀랜드에서는 남자**라도** 치마를 입어요.

"In Scotland, even men wear skirts."

Advanced Notes

noun + 조차

Another way to show emphasis is by using 조차 after a noun. It's used in the same way as 도 to mean "even," but has more emphasis – "**even**."

엄마**조차** 할 수 없다!

"Even mother can't do it!"

선생님조차 풀 수 없는 문제

"a problem even the teacher can't solve"

풀다 means "to solve (a problem/question)."

noun + 까지

As we've learned before, 까지 means "(up) until." However, it is also used to mean "even" when expressing a **limit**, and to show something is included in that limit.

나까지 가도 괜찮아?

"Is it okay if even I go?"

숨겨 둔 것까지 다 먹다니!

"You even ate everything I had hidden!"

숨겨 두다 means "to hide (for later)."

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!

