

## Learn Korean Ep. 59: "Used to"

Let's learn how to say "used to" in Korean.

### Verb Stem + **곤 하다**

Take the verb stem and attach **곤**, then the verb **하다**, which means "to do."

주말에 할머니 집에 가**곤 했어요**.

"I used to go to my grandmother's house on the weekends."

어릴 때 술을 많이 마시**곤 했어요**.

"I used to drink a lot of alcohol when I was young."

혼자서 밥을 먹**곤 했어요**.

"I used to eat alone."

지난 학기에 도서관에서 숙제를 하**곤 했어요**.

"I used to do my homework at the library last semester."

일본어를 공부하**곤 했지만** 지금은 한국어를 공부해요.

I used to study Japanese, but now I study Korean.

### Advanced Notes:

Note that this **곤 하다** form is not very commonly used. It's much more common to simply use the double past tense to mean "used to." You can combine this with words such as **옛날에** ("a long time ago") or other words that indicate the past ("last year," etc.), if you'd like.

(**옛날에**) 자주 갔**었어요**.

"I used to go there often."

Adding words that indicate the past is optional, as I've marked with parentheses.

**작년에** 했**었어요**.

"I used to do it last year."

## 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!

