

## Learn Korean Ep. 63: About

Today I wanted to cover how to say "about" in Korean. It's simple, but you will use a different word depending on whether you're using it as an *adverb*, or using it as an *adjective*. You'll see what I mean. Let me give you an example in English.

"I read a book **about** food."

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Take a look at these two sentences. Although they both use the same "about" in English, in Korean, these will be different. In the first sentence, "about" is describing the type of book – it's a book that's about food. In the second sentence, "about" is an *adverb*; it's not describing a noun, but it's describing the verb, "read." Let's take a look at the same two sentences in Korean.

저는 음식에 대한 책을 읽었어요.

저는 음식에 대해서 읽었어요.

The first sentence and the second sentence use a slightly different form for the word "about." The first sentence uses 음식에 대한 책, which means "a book about food," and the second sentence uses just 음식에 대해서, which means "about food."

If you're saying "about," and it's followed by a *noun*, such as in the first example with 책, you'll use this form:

### Noun + 에 대한 + Noun

Take a noun, whatever it is that you want to say "about" for, and attach 에, then 대한, then another noun that you're describing.

음식에 대한 책

"a book about food"

사랑에 대한 노래

"a song about love"

저는 한국에 대한 영화를 봤어요.

I saw a movie about Korea.

But if you're saying "about," and it's followed directly after by a *verb*, that means it's being used as an *adverb*, and you'll use this form instead:

### Noun + 에 대해(서) + Verb

Take a noun, whatever it is that you want to say "about" for, and attach 에, then 대해 or 대해서. The 서 is completely *optional*. Then attach the verb.

미술에 대해 공부했어요.

I studied about art.

한국어에 대해서 배우고 싶어요.

I want to learn about Korean.

미국 역사에 대해 알고 있어요?

Do you know about American history?

### 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!

