Learn Korean Ep. 66: 버리다

Today I wanted to talk about a useful verb that you can use to add extra *emotion* to your sentences – 버리다. This verb by itself means "to throw away," but we're going to be using it differently. Let's take a look at how to use it.

Verb Stem + 어/아/etc. 버리다

To make this form, first take a verb and conjugate it as if you were conjugating the 요 form, but don't add the 요. Instead, follow that with the verb 버리다 and conjugate it.

Using this form does not change the meaning of your sentence at all, but what it does do is add extra emotion to what you're saying – this emotion can be both good and bad, and it only depends on the sentence to know which one it is. Let's first take a look at how using this form can show a positive emotion:

숙제를 다 끝내 버렸어요.
"I finished all of my homework."

And here's an example of 버리다 that shows a negative emotion.

아! 잊어 버렸어요!
Ah! I forgot!

If you don't get it right away, that's okay. It will take a bit of getting used to. Here are a few more sentences that use 버리다. You should be able to guess whether the meaning is *negative* or *positive*.

강아지가 케이크를 다 먹어 버렸어요.
"The puppy ate all of the cake."

옷을 3 벌이나 사 버렸어요.
"I bought 3 new pairs of clothes."

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숙제가 비에 젖어 버렸어요.
"The homework got wet in the rain."

너무 빨리 일어나 버렸어요.
"I woke up too early."

Finally, note that although this form is used for showing both good and bad emotions, it's *more often* commonly used just to show something that's *negative*. But you might see both ways, so keep an eye out for it in positive sentences too.

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!