

Learn Korean Ep. 69: "Do it for later"

Today we're going to be learning about two important verbs we can use to attach to our sentences – 놓다 and 두다. Literally, 놓다 and 두다 both mean "to put something down," but when they're used in a sentence with another verb, the meaning changes a bit. First let's learn how to use these verbs, then let's talk about what they mean.

Verb Stem + 아/어/etc. 놓다

Verb Stem + 아/어/etc. 두다

To make it, first take a verb and conjugate it as if you were conjugating the 요 form. Instead of attaching 요, follow this with the verb 놓다, or 두다.

When using 놓다 or 두다, the meaning of the sentence is that you're doing something *in advance*, and *for later*.

For example, take the verb 청소하다, "to clean" or "to vacuum." You could clean up the house in advance, or clean up the house *for later*.

오늘 집을 청소할 거예요.

"Today I'll clean the house."

This sentence is perfectly fine, but we can add 놓다 or 두다 to the end to add the meaning that you're doing this in advance for something else, or for later. Let's take a look.

오늘 집을 청소해 놓을 거예요.

"Today I'll clean the house (for later)."

Perhaps you have guests coming, and you want to express that the reason you're cleaning the house is in preparation for that. It doesn't matter what it is that you're doing something *in advance for*, or what's going to happen *later*. All that matters is that using this form expresses that you're doing something for something else that will happen in the future, and that you're *getting ready* for it.

Here are a few more sentences.

샌드위치를 만들어 놓을게요.

"I'll make some sandwiches for later."

오늘 밤까지 설거지를 해 뒀.

"Do the dishes by tonight."

신발을 여기에 벗어 놓을게요.

"I'll take off my shoes here."

내일까지 여행 갈 준비를 해 놓으세요.

"Get ready to go on the trip by tomorrow."

기억해 둘게요.

"I'll remember that for later."

Of these two forms, you'll find that 놓다 is used a bit *more often*, but know that either one will be grammatically fine.

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!

