

## Learn Korean Ep. 71: "Pretend to Do"

Today I wanted to talk about a useful verb that you can use when you want to say that you or someone else is "pretending to do" something or "acting like" something. Let's first take a look at an example in English to show you what I mean.

"I **pretended** that I was cold." Or, "I **acted** like I was cold."

In order to make these sentences, you'll need to learn the verb 척(을) 하다.

### Adjective + 척(을) 하다

To use it, take an **adjective** and attach 척하다. Then conjugate 척하다 however you'd like in the sentence. Already now, we can translate our example sentence.

추운 척했어요.

"I pretended that I was cold." Or, "I acted like I was cold."

Let's take a look at a couple more example sentences.

안 무서운 척했어요.

"I pretended that I wasn't afraid." Or, "I acted like I wasn't afraid."

왜 아픈 척을 했어요?

"Why did you pretend you were hurt?"

귀여운 척하지 마.

"Don't act cute."

But what if you want to say that you pretended that you **did** something? Well, we wouldn't be using an adjective, since we want an *action verb* instead. It's pretty simple to use this form with an action verb too.

## Action Verb Stem + 는 척(을) 하다

Take an action verb stem and attach 는.

먹다, "to eat," would become 먹는 척하다, "to pretend to eat," and 하다, "to do," would become 하는 척하다, "to pretend to do."

If the action verb ends in ㄹ at the bottom, remove the ㄹ and add 는.

알다, "to know," would become 아는 척하다, "to pretend to know." Let's take a look at a few examples.

밖에서 저를 아는 척하지 말아 주세요.

"Please don't act like you know me outside (of here)."

대화를 하기 싫어서 자는 척했어요.

"I didn't want to talk, so I pretended to be asleep."

저 사람은 고빌리의 동영상을 보면서 공부하는 척을 해요.

"That person pretends to study while watching Go Billy's videos."

## 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!

