

Learn Korean Ep. 87: "No matter how much"

This lesson will cover how to say "no matter" and "no matter how much." For example, "No matter how busy you are, you need to do the homework." This lesson is intended for intermediate learners, and might be a bit difficult for beginners.

아무리 Verb Stem + 아/어/etc. + 도

This form uses the adverb **아무리**, meaning "no matter." Attach a verb after, and conjugate it to the **요** form (without the **요**). Then attach **도** ("also," "even," "too"). Literally, together this means "no matter even if (verb)." Here's a quick example using the verb **바쁘다** ("to be busy").

아무리 바빠도...

"No matter how busy you are..."

Here are a few example sentences with this form.

아무리 그 남자가 좋아도 만나지 마세요.

"No matter how much you like that boy, don't meet him."

아무리 피곤해도 자면 안 돼요.

No matter how tired you are, you shouldn't sleep.

아무리 봐도 오타를 찾을 수 없어요.

No matter how much I look, I can't find a typo.

아무리 먹어도 배가 안 불러요.

No matter how much I eat, I'm not full.

아무리 어른이라도 아이스크림은 맛있어요.

No matter how much of an adult you are, ice cream is delicious.

When you use this form with the verb 이다 ("to be") it becomes 이라도 after a *consonant*, or 라도 after a *vowel*.

Advanced Notes

You might also see the word 아무래도. This word is a combination of 아무리 and 해도 (from the verb 하다). Literally, 아무래도 means "No matter (how much you do it)," but a more natural translation is "anyway" or "either way."

If you use 아무래도, place it at the *beginning* of a sentence.

This form is also commonly used together with the 것 같다 form ("it seems...," "I think..."). Here are a few examples.

아무래도 철수가 안 올 거 같아.
"Anyway I don't think Chul-soo will come."

아무래도 내가 실수한 거 같아.
"Either way I think I made a mistake."

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!

