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# Top 60 Korean Conversational Phrases for Awesome Beginners!

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# Part 1

*Want to learn the top Korean conversational phrases? Read this. It will take 3 minutes.*

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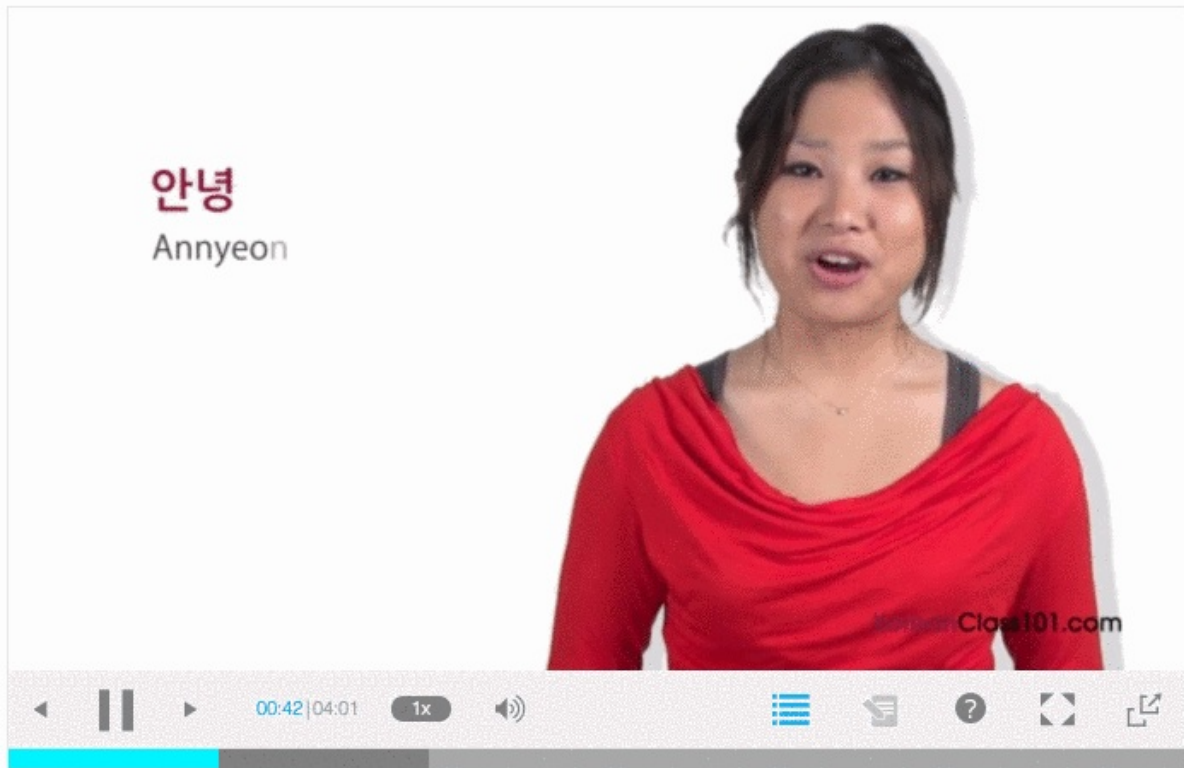


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# 1. Self-Introductions



*(Note: If you want to REALLY learn Korean with Audio & Video lessons from real teachers, [check out KoreanClass101 and click here](#))*

## 1. 뭐해? meohae (What's up?)

Instead of saying 'Hello', you can use the phrase when you see your friend. It literally means 'What are you doing?'

## 2. 반가반가 bang-ga, bang-ha (Nice to see you.)

반가워 (bangawo) is the verb meaning 'nice to meet someone'. Instead of using the full sentence, people in 10s or 20s only take the verb-stem 반가 and say it twice to say 'Nice to meet you' casually.

## 3. 잘.. jal Well.. (I don't know.)

Like other Asian countries, Korean people don't like saying "No!" directly to you. It's the culture. Instead they'll prefer saying 'No' indirectly. Instead of saying '잘 몰라요 (jal mollayo)' meaning 'I don't know', it's better to say 잘 (jal) which literally means 'well..' when you don't know the answer. Next time you hear it, you'll know you're not getting the answer you were hoping for! :)

## 4. 잠시만요 jamsimanyo (Excuse me)

It sounds more natural than the formal phrase **실례합니다** (sillyehamnida) meaning 'excuse me'. It literally means 'wait a moment please', so you can say the phrase when you call someone or get attention.

#### 5. 저기요.. jeogiyo (Excuse me)

Meaning: '*over there please*'. When you call someone a little bit away from you, or waiter at a restaurant, you can simply use this phrase.

#### 6. 정말 jeongmal (Really?)

Good one to know! Conversations are littered with this! It means '*Really*' or '*For real?*'. Although they know you're talking about the truth, they will keep saying '정말' when they react. It's just like '*Yeah?*' or '*Interesting*' in English, so don't focus on the actual meaning too much.

#### 7. 수고하세요. sugohaseyo 'Work hard then.'

Meaning: '*Work hard*', but Korean people use this phrase when they leave before someone else or say '*Bye for now*'. You can use this phrase when you leave the office (after a long day of work) or a restaurant (eating is hard work!)

#### 8. 별로.. byello 'Not that much'.

When you don't like something, don't say '**싫어**(sireo)' meaning "*No I don't like.*" Too direct. Remember, it's all about subtlety no matter how much you want to yell 싫어 at the top of your lungs. Instead, you can say **별로** (beyllo) meaning 'Not that much.'

#### 9. 그럼 다음에 geureom daume 'Then next time!'

Casual and friendly! Instead of saying **안녕** meaning '*Bye*', you can simply say **그럼 다음에** when you say bye to your friends.

#### 10. 싸게 해주세요. ssage haejuseyo 'Make it cheaper please'

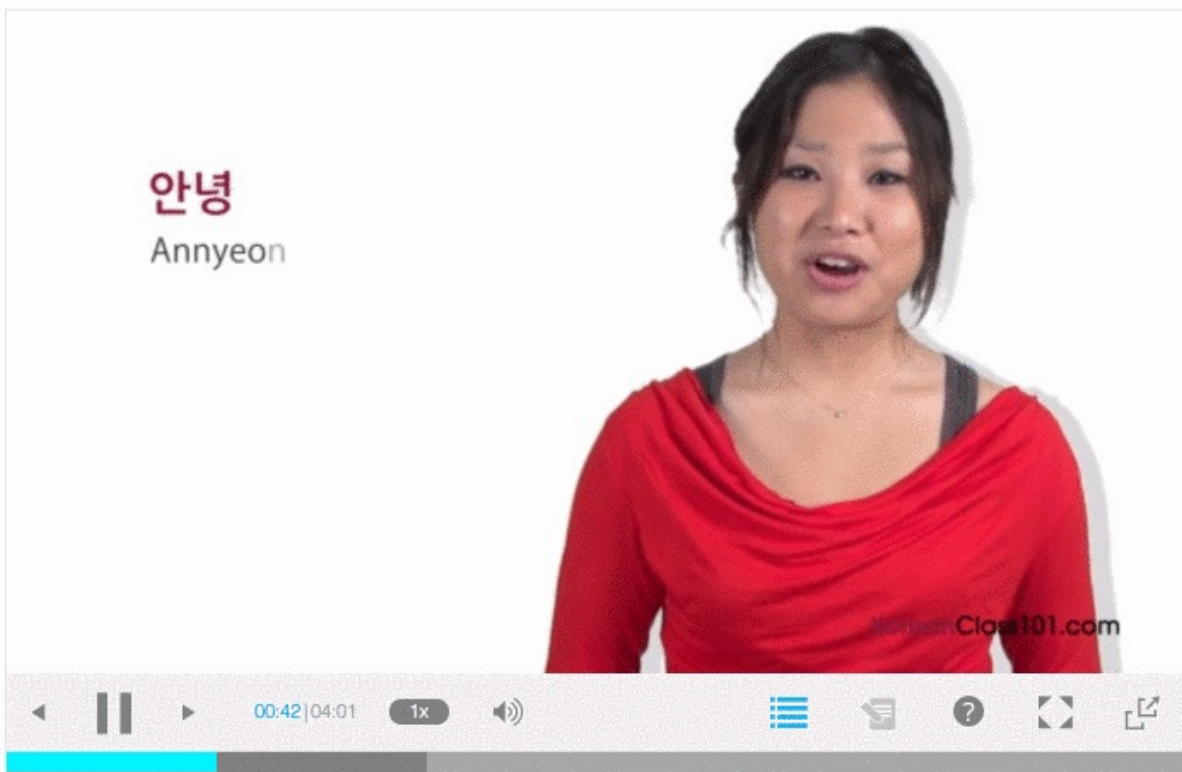
You might have learned the phrase **감아주세요** (kakajuseyo) meaning '*Discount please*', but some would be offensive when you use the phrase. Instead, let's go indirectly. **싸게 해주세요** is less direct than other phrases, so you will get more chances to get a discount.

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#### 11. 네? ne (excuse me? literally, Yes?)

When you want to ask someone say something one more time... because either you forgot to clean your ears this morning... or they're a low talker, you can simply say 네? It literally means 'Yes?', but it's not rude in Korean.

#### 12. 야! ya (Hey)

To call friends, you can simply say 아야 ya. It's exactly like Hey in English. But remember that you can use it only between friends.

### 13. 선생님 seonsaengnim (Mr. Literally Teacher)

If you don't know someone's name, you can simply call someone as 선생님. It really means 'teacher', but this word can be used to mean 'Mr' or 'Mrs.' If you know someone's family name, you can put the family name in front of the word 선생님 such as 김 선생님 (Kim seonsaengnim)

### 14. 나도 nado (Me too)

나 means 'I, me', and 도 means 'too'. All together it means 'me too.' When you agree with someone's suggestion or opinion, you can simply say 나도 twice as 나도나도.

### 15. 근데.. geunde (Anyway)

When someone's boring you with complaints about their life or you just want to talk about yourself instead, you say ".....Anyyyywayyy..." Do just that in Korean! You can simply say 근데 then talk about something else. When you're talking to someone older than you, simply put the particle 요 at the end as 근데요 (geundeyo).

### 16. 좋아합니다. joahamnida (I like, I love)

This literally means 'I like .' However, many people use it to mean 'I love you' since it's less direct. If someone says 'I like you', consider yourself lucky (or unlucky)! They're admitting love!

### 17. 부탁드립니다. butakamnida (Please)

In English, you can say then please to ask something. Same in Korean. Simply say nouns, then say 부탁드립니다. It's polite way to ask something in Korean.

### 18. 안돼요 andeyo (No, Don't do it)

No! Don't speak to me in English! When you want to say 'Don't do something', say 안돼요 instead of 아니요(aniyo). Both means 'No', but you can only say 안돼요 when you ask someone not to do something.

### 19. 도와주세요 dowajuseyo (Help!)

You won't use this phrase, but it's better to remember. When you need help, simply use this one. It's also good to ask ladies over 30s, since they are more likely help

someone even if they don't know you. There's hope for humanity yet!

## 20. 괜찮아요 genchanayo (Okay?)

It means 'Okay'. You can use it to ask someone if he/she is okay, or answer questions. Kinda like when you type out a whole message to a friend and they reply with a "K."  
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Also it means 'to like'. So when someone say '괜찮아요', it means 'I like it', not 'It's okay'. Remember, that less direct is always the better in Korean.

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21. Do you speak English? - 영어할 줄 알아?(yeong-eohal jul ara?)/영어할 줄 아세요?(yeong-eohal jul aseyo?)

Bam. You're lost in the middle of Seoul and need help fast! Well no... not really. Being lost is so 2005; we have Google Maps after all. But let's say you need someone to speak English, maybe you want to switch out of Korean and speak some good old English with your new friend... this phrase will be useful.

22. where are you? - 어디야?(eodiya?)/어디예요?(eodiyeyo?)

This is for when your friend doesn't have Google Maps and doesn't know where he is. Or... just too drunk off soju to remember what an app is.

23. it doesn't matter - 상관 없어(sanggwan eopsseo)/ 상관 없어요. (sanggwan eopsseoyo)

Because you don't care! Whether y'all want to see BEAST or PSY in a live concert, it doesn't matter, it's all K-POP to you. Use this phrase when you're open to any option...

SOJU or VODKA. sanggwan eopsseo!

24. congratulations! - 축하해(chukahae)/ 축하해요(chukahaeyo)

Because sometimes your friend deserves a "congratulations." You know, marriage, graduations, new relationship, things like that.

25. well done! - 잘했어(jaraesseo)/잘했어요(jaraesseoyo)

A good phrase to know if you ever find yourself teaching English in Korea and want to tell someone "WELL DONE!"

26. never mind! - 신경 쓰지 마(shin-gyeong sseuji ma)/ 신경 쓰지 마세요 (shin-gyeong sseuji maseyo)

Did someone not catch your Korean and you're embarrassed by it? Say "never mind." Well... you shouldn't. Unless you're angsty and/or angry.

27. happy birthday! - 생일 축하해(saeng-il chukahae)/ 생일 축하해요 ((saeng-il chukahaeyo)

How to say happy birthday in Korean - oh... if you plan on making, and keeping friends, you'll need this phrase. Everyone has a birthday and Facebook will let you know when!

28. happy New Year! - 새해 복 많이 받아(saehae bok mani bada)/새해 복 많이 받으세요(saehae bok mani badeuseyo)

How to say Happy New Year in Korean? You'll need this too. This New Years thing happens every year... and you can't avoid it!

29. I'm tired - 피곤해(pigonea)/피곤해요(pigoneayo)

No! No more soju. No more K-POP. No more kimchi! 피곤해(! Wait, just kidding. But yeah, whenever you feel like complaining, this is up your alley.

30. see you tomorrow! - 내일 봐(naeil ba)/내일 봐요(naeil bayo)

This is a great casual phrase that friends use between each other. Forget goodbyes and sayonaras.

There you go!

# Part 4

BONUS Phrase: "Do you want to die" in Korean?

- 죽을래?
- jugeullae?

For some reason... lots of people find this page for this phrase which I didn't have until now. So, if someone's annoying you, you ask them that simple phrase: "do you wanna die?" Mind you, this isn't as harsh as it sounds. Friends use it with each other. Just don't use it with people older than you, or those you don't know.

- Friend A: *Hey, move your fat butt!*
- Friend B: !? 죽을래?



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31. I'm hungry - 배고파(baegopa)/배고파요(baegopayo)

Unless you do actually want to die... eating is necessary! Oh, and of course, eating for pleasure. (Can you believe people do that?!) So, saying "I'm hungry" is a great suggestion and hint to your Korean friends... meaning "HEY LETS GO SOME BIBIMBAP!"

32. I'm thirsty - 목말라(mongmalla)/목말라요(mongmallayo)

Another necessary phrase that will prevent death. Or if you find yourself feeling a little dry after that Karaoke singing. Tell your friends you're thirsty in Korean! Just make

sure to also say that you're planning on drinking something... and not just announcing your thirst for no reason.

### 33. of course. - 물론이지(mulloniji)/물론이죠(mullonijyo)

Want to hang out? *Of course!* Want to drop by Holly's for some coffee? *Of course!!* An all around useful phrase to agree to things. Unless you're a disagreeable person... then this phrase is NOT FOR YOU.

### 34. let's go! - 가자(gaja)/갑시다(gapssida)

Well, now that you've decided to go to Holly's for some coffee... It's time for to lift your legs and GO. Otherwise, you'll be standing there. Great phrase to do just and start just about anything.

### 35. hurry up! - 빨리 or 빨리빨리 (ppalli ppalli)/ 빨리요(ppalliyo)

As you know... people from different cultures operate on different clocks. In fact, if you're a lazy, go-at-your-pace, day-dreaming snowflake, your Korean friends will be telling YOU to hurry up.

### 36. calm down - 진정해(jinjeonghae)/진정하세요(jinjeonghaseyo)

Whether you want to simmer down some tough guys... or a pack of vicious K-POP loving fan-girls, telling them to "calm down" in Korean is the right way to go. I hope... (I'm not responsible for your injuries, by the way.)

### 37. long time no see! - 오랜만이야(oraenmaniya)/오랜만이에요(oraenmaniyeyo)

In Japanese, it's hisashiburi.

### 38. don't worry - 걱정하지마(geokjeonghajima)/걱정하지 마세요 (geokjeonghajimaseyo)

People love worrying. And they'll post it on their Facebooks... without saying what they're worried about. Squash your Korean friends' relationship k-drama worries with this phrase.

### 39. I'm worried - 걱정돼(geokjeongdoe)/걱정돼요(geokjeongdoeyo)

And just in case you love worrying, here's one for you. Tell everyone you're worried on Facebook, don't say why, and watch the comments come in - "omg what happened?" Sorry about the Facebook. I'm on it as I write this so it came to mind.

#### 40. It's boring. - 재미없어(jaemi-eopsseo)/재미없어요(jaemi-eopseoyo)

People also love being bored. And what they love more than this... is telling OTHER people that they're bored. If you're one of those people (*shouldn't learning Korean keep you occupied??*), put this phrase to use. But use it sparingly. Wouldn't want people to feel like they're making you bored.

– The Main Junkie

# Part 5

And we're back! Part 5!

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## 1. Question: "What's Your Name?" in Korean

This is the fastest way to make Korean friends and the second most important phrase you'll need after "Annyeong Haseyo/안녕하세요.

- **What is your name?** - Ireumi Mueosimnikka? - 이름이 무엇입니까?

## 2. Answer: How to say "My name is..." in Korean

Now it's your turn to return the favor.

- **My name is (Bob or I don't know.)** -Je Ireumeun Bob imnida. - 제 이름은 Bob 니다.

## 3. Question: "Where are you from?" in Korean

You don't really need to ask a Korean where they're from. Korea, dummy! However, this is a question YOU will get, as a wide-eyed innocent looking foreigner that's found his or her way to their side of the world. America? Canada? Poland? Learn this question so you'll know it when you hear it.

- **Where are you from?** - Eodieseo Wasseumnikka? - 어디에서 왔습니까?

## 4. Answer: How to say "I am from..." in Korean

So, where are you from?

- **I am from America** - Migug eseo Wasseumnida - 미국 에서 왔습니다.

- FYI, America in Korean is Migug. But of course, you can add your country in too where it's underlined.

### 5. Question: "Where do you live?" in Korean

Oh, and what's your phone number? Er.. oh wait, wrong to place to ask.

- **Where do you live?** Eodieseo Salgo isseumnikka? 어디에 살고 있습니까?

### 6. Answer: "I live in..." in Korean

So, is similar to #4. Of course, if you're visiting, feel free to stick your country in when you say "I am from..." in Korean. *(Make sure to ask for that phone number too! Should I include that in here?)*

- **I live in Seoul.** Seoul-e Salgo Isseumnida. 서울에 살고 있습니다.

### 7. Question: "What do you do?" in Korean

OK, you know their name. Now you got to find out what do they do. Are you a student? Exotic dancer? Soju-specialist? K-Drama critic?

- **What do you do?** Eotteon lleul Hago Itsseumnikka? - 어떤 일을 하고 있습니까?

### 8. Answer: How to say "I am a student" in Korean

So, what are you doing in Korea? They'll probably wondering what you're up to. You'll need something like "I am a student" or "I am a teacher" in Korean.

- **I'm a student.** Haksaeng-imnida. 학생입니다.

### 9. Question; "Do you speak Korean/English" in Korean

After hearing all these questions you're asking them, they'll want to know... Do you *really* speak Korean? And do you know any other languages? Similarly, this is great for asking if they speak English in the case you run all out of Korean words to say.

- **Do you speak Korean?** Hangugeo Hal Su Isseumnikka? 한국어 할 수 있습니까?
- **Do you speak English?** Yeongeogeo Hal Su Isseumnikka? 영어 할 수 있습니까?

### 10. Answer: "I Speak..." in Korean

Now you can show off. Or claim you speak a little and then blow their minds. These three answers should cover your bases and let your friend know just how

much Korean they can expect from you.

- **Yes, I speak a little.** Ne, Jogeum Hal Su Isseumnida. 네, 조금 할 수 있습니다.
  - **Yes, I speak fluently.** Ne, Jal Hal Su Isseumnida. 네, 잘 할 수 있습니다.
  - **No, I don't.** Anyo. Mot Hamnida. 아뇨. 못 합니다.
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# Part 6

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Here's the next batch of conversational sayings and phrases in Korean.

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51. Mom, I don't want to wear this - 엄마, 난 이걸 입고 싶지 않아요.

- Eomma, nan igeol ibgo sipji anh-ayo.

Well you know, because parents make you wear crap you don't like. No, I don't need another sweater. No, I don't need a scarf. Yes, I'm wearing underwear. And NO, I don't want to wear this!

52. I'm happy - 행복해요

- Haengboghaeyo

If you ever wanted to talk about your happiness in Korean, possibly on Facebook... or translate Pharrell's "I'm Happy" Song into Korean, I just gave you 90% of the lyrics right here. I hope you're happy learning Korean at [LinguaJunkie!](#)

53. I have to go to bed - 자야겠어요

- Jayagess-eoyo

Sleep is important. And if someone's keeping you up on KakaoTalk or Facebook Chat... you should tell them straight up, you need to go to bed. Here's another variation:

- I have to go to sleep
- 자야합니다
- Jayahabnida

#### 54. I'd like to see you tomorrow - 내일 뵙고 싶습니다만

- Naeil boebgo sipseubnidaman

So, you just had a nice first date. Oh, and you want to follow up and see your Korean friend as soon as possible! Why not tomorrow!? Maybe you guys can go to Holly's coffee shop!

#### 55. I am dying to see her again - 나는 그녀를 다시 보고 싶어 미치겠다

- Naneun geunyeoleul dasi bogo sip-eo michigessda.

Hold on, Romeo, it was only one date. But, if you really are dying to see her again, well, we can't stop you. You'll probably hear this a lot in Korean dramas too.

#### 56. Are you busy? - 바빠요?

- Bappayo?

Good phrase to use with friends if you want to get their attention.

#### 57. How about a cup of coffee? - 커피 한 잔 어떠세요?

- Keopi han jan eotteoseyo?

Coffee's everywhere in Korea. This is a good question to get dates or just take the time out and hang out with your friend. And honestly, who hates coffee? Coffee makes the world go round and is keeping me learning Korean.

#### 58. I don't know if I have the time - 시간 있는지 잘 모르겠습니다

- Sigam issneunji jal moleugesseubnida

Great way to reject someone! *"Nah, no coffee. I don't know if I have the time."* It's better to be indirect like this in Korean instead of saying, "No, go away" as it's considered more polite. You might even hear this too!

#### 59. Happy Birthday - 생일 축하해요

- Saeng-il chughahaeyo

You'll need to wish your Korean friends a happy birthday, no? Facebook makes it as easy as 1, 2, 3 and no presents required! Otherwise, you'd just be a bad friend. If you want to add their name, just use it right after the phrase.

## 60. Are you sick/Are you okay? - 괜찮아요?

- Gwaenchanh-ayo?

There's too much coffee references in this post. Sorry, this is the last one. Your date is lying on the floor and convulsing from drinking too much coffee. I mean, sure you can call an ambulance, but first you can ask them if they're OK or sick. Good phrase to use with friends!

There you go!

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