

Korean Love Phrases for Beginners



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How to Say I Love You in Korean

1. I like you

- Formal
- 저는 당신을 좋아해요
 - Jeo-neun Dang-shin-eul Jo-ah-hae-yo
- Informal
- 나는 너를 좋아해
 - Na-neun Neo-reul Jo-ah-hae

Do you like a person? Not “love” but “like?” Well, here’s how you say **I Like You in Korean.**

2. I like you a lot

- Formal
- 저는 당신을 많이 좋아해요
 - Jeo-neun Dang-shin-eul Man-e Jo-ah-hae-yo
- Informal
- 나는 너를 많이 좋아해
 - Na-neun Neo-reul Man-e Jo-ah-hae

Let’s intensify the phrase you learned above. Let’s add one new word.

- 많이 (Man-e) = a lot/many

3. I love you

- Formal
- 저는 당신을 사랑해요
 - Jeo-neun Dang-shin-eul Sa-rang-hae-yo
- Informal
- 나는 너를 사랑해

- Na-neun Neo-reul Sa-rang-hae

Now, what if you have stronger feelings? How do you say I love you in Korean? This is it.

Words to know:

- 사랑 (Sa-rang) means love

4. I love you so much

- Formal
- 저는 당신을 정말 많이 사랑해요
 - Jeo-neun Dang-shin-eul Jung-mal Man-e Sa-rang-hae-yo
- Informal
- 나는 너를 정말 많이 사랑해
 - Na-neun Dang-shin-eul Jung-mal Man-e Sa-rang-hae

Let's intensify the love some more. **Words to know:**

- 정말 (jung-mal) means really.
- 많이 (Man-e) means a lot/many
- 정말 많이 is used to really emphasize how much you mean it.

5. You make me go crazy

- Formal
- 당신때문에 미치겠어요
 - Dang-shin-ddae-moon-eh Mi-chi-gaet-eo-yo
- Informal
- 너때문에 미치겠어
 - Neo-ddae-moon-eh Mi-chi-gaet-eo

In other words, this is how you say "I'm crazy about you."

This is not a literal “**I love you in Korean**” phrase, but it works. You’re still admitting your feelings here.

Words to know:

- 때문에 (Ddae-moon-eh) = because of _(noun)_
- 미치다 (Mi-chi-da) = to go crazy

6. You are perfect

- Formal
- 당신은 완벽합니다
 - Dang-shin-eun Wan-byuk-hab-ni-da
- Informal
- 너는 완벽해
 - Neo-neun Wan-byuk-hae

Words to know:

- 완벽 (Wan-byuk) means ‘perfect.’

7. You are so cool/handsome (to male)

- Formal
- 당신은 너무 멋져요 Dang-shin-eun
 - Neo-moo Meot-jua-yo
- Informal
- 너는 너무 멋져
 - Neo-neun Neo-moo Meot-jua

Instead of telling them I love you in Korean, you can also use a compliment. This phrase is for guys.

Words to know:

- 멋진 (Mut-jin) means handsome/cool

8. You are so beautiful/pretty (to female)

- Formal
- 당신은 너무 아름다워요
 - Dang-shin-eun Neo-moo Ah-reum-da-wua-yo
- Informal
- 너는 너무 예뻐
 - Neo-neun Neo-moo Yae-bbuh

Words to know:

- 아름다운 (Ah-reum-da-woon) = beautiful/pretty
- 예쁜 (Yae-bbeun) = beautiful/pretty

Both words carry the same meaning, but 아름다운 is used more in formal speech, or when you are referring to woman.

예쁜 is used often in informal speech, or when you are referring to a girl.

9. Do you want to be my girlfriend?

- Formal
- 제 여자친구가 되어주시겠어요?
 - Jae Yeo-ja-chin-gu-ga Dvae-uh-ju-shi-gaet-seo-yo?
- Informal
- 내 여자친구가 되어줄래?
 - Nae Yeo-ja-chin-gu-ga Dvae-uh-jul-lae?

Words to know:

- 여자친구 (Yeo-ja-chin-gu) means 'girlfriend'.

10. Do you want to be my boyfriend?

- Formal
- 제 남자친구가 되어주시겠어요?
 - Jae Nam-ja-chin-gu-ga Dvae-uh-ju-shi-gaet-seo-yo?
- Informal
- 내 남자친구가 되어줄래?
 - Nae Nam-ja-chin-gu-ga Dvae-uh-jul-lae?

Words to know:

- 남자친구 (Nam-ja-chin-gu) means 'boyfriend'.

11. Do you want to be in a relationship with me?

- Formal
- 저랑 사귀실래요?
 - Jeo-rang Sa-gwui-shil-lae-yo?
- Informal
- 나랑 사귄래?
 - Na-rang Sa-gwuil-lae?

In other words, this is how you say **do you want to go out with me** in Korean.

Words to know:

- 랑 'Rang' means 'with'.
- 랑 Means 'with', therefore 나랑 means 'with Me' in informal speech and 저랑 in formal speech.
- 사귀자 (Sa-gwui-ja) = means 'to be in a relationship'.

12. Do you want to marry me?

- Formal
- 저와 결혼해 주시겠어요?
 - Jeo-wah Gyul-hon-hae-joo-shi-gaet-sseo-yo?
- Informal
- 나랑 결혼할래?
 - Na-rang Gyul-hon-hal-lae?

Or, if you're a bit more serious, you can ask them to marry you. That's just as good as admitting love in Korean, right?

Words to know:

- 결혼 (Gyul-hon) means 'marriage'

If you want to learn Korean marriage phrases, check out my lesson below.

- [13 Ways how to Say Marry Me in Korean](#)

How to Reply to I Love You in Korean

Did someone tell you they “like you” or “love you?”

How do you respond? Here's how.

Below, you get a variety of answers, both formal and informal.

13. Thank you in Korean

What if someone says you're pretty or that they like you? Thank you is one thing you can say.

- Formal Thank you
- 고맙습니다
 - Go-mab-seub-ni-da
- Informal Thank you
- 고마워
 - Go-ma-wua

14. "I Know"

This is a witty or playful response. Imagine someone telling you they love you and you tell them "I know." I think Han Solo did that in Star Wars.

- Formal I know
- 알아요
 - Al-ah-yo
- Informal I know
- 알아
 - Al-ah

Words to know:

- 알다 (Al-da) means 'to know'

15. "Me too"

This is just a simple response. "Hey, I like you." To which you say, "Oh, me too."

- Formal Me too
- 저도요
 - Jeo-do-yo

- Informal Me too
- 나도
 - Na-do

Words to know:

- 저 (Jeo) means 'Me/I' in formal speech
- 나 (Na) means 'Me/I' in informal speech
- 도 (Do) = too

14. How much?

As in, how much do you love me? This much? Or “*thiis*” much?

- Formal How much?
- 얼마큼요?
 - Eol-man-keum-yo?
- Informal How much?
- 얼마큼?
 - Eol-man-keum?

Words to know:

- 얼마큼 (Eol-man-keum) means 'how much/how many'.

You can also use 얼마나 (Eol-ma-na) which also means 'how much/how many'.

15. “I love you too.”

A simple reply to getting a **I love you** in Korean.

- Formal I love you too
- 저도 당신을 사랑해요
 - Jeo-do Dang-shin-eul Sa-rang-hae-yo

- Informal I love you too
- 나도 너를 사랑해
 - Na-do Neo-reul Sa-rang-hae

16. Why do you love me?

It's a good question to ask. I'd want to know why people love me too. It's good to know!

- Formal Why do you love me?
- 왜 저를 사랑하세요?
 - Wae Jeo-reul Sa-rang-ha-sae-yo?
- Informal Why do you love me?
- 왜 나를 사랑해?
 - Wae Na-reul Sa-rang-hae?

Words to know:

- 왜 (Wae) = Why

17. "I go crazy because of you too"

- Formal I go crazy because of you too
- 저도 당신이 좋아 죽겠어요
 - Jeo-do Dang-shin-e Joh-ah Jook-gaet-seo-yo
- Informal I go crazy because of you too
- 나도 니가 좋아 죽겠어
 - Na-do Ni-ga Joh-ah Jook-gaet-seo

This is a response to the phrase #5, "You make me go crazy."

Words to know:

- 죽다 (Jook-da) means 'to die'.

- 좋아 죽겠다 is an expression Korean use when we like something too much we feel like dying. It's a funny expression, but it basically mean 'I go crazy because of you!'

18. "No, let's not meet again."

- Formal No, let's not meet again.
- 싫어요, 우리 다시 만나지 말아요
 - Sil-uh-yo, Woo-ri Da-shi Man-na-ji Mal-ah-yo
- Informal No, let's not meet again.
- 싫어, 우리 다시 만나지 말자
 - Sil-uh, Woo-ri Da-shi Man-na-ji Mal-ja

Want to BRUTALLY reject someone in Korean? You will need this. This is a strong response you can use when you absolutely hated your encounter and do not want to see that person ever again.

Words to know:

- 우리 (Woo-ri) = We
- 다시 (Da-shi) = again

19 "I don't know. I want to stay as friends."

- Formal
- I don't know
 - 잘 모르겠어요 Jeo-do-yo!
- I want to stay as friends
 - 저는 친구로 지내고 싶어요 Jeo-do-yo, Jeo-do Bo-go-sip-peul-gguae-h-yo!
- Informal
- I don't know
 - 잘 모르겠어 Na-do!
- I want to stay as friends
 - 난 친구로 지내고 싶어 Na-do, Na-do Bo-go-sip-peul-gguae-ya!

Of course, you can't learn Korean love phrases without learning how to friend-zone someone in Korean. Ouch. On the relationship side of things, I suggest you don't use this. Just flat out reject them; they'll be better off in the long run.

Words for friend-zoning people in Korean:

- 모르다 (Moh-reu-da) = don't know
- 친구 (Chin-gu) = friends
- 지내다 (Ji-nae-da) = to stay

20. No, we are not the right fit for each other

Or, you can just flat out reject them.

- Formal
- No, we are not the right fit for each other
 - 아니요, 우리는 서로 어울리지 않아요 Ah-ni-yo, Woo-ri-neun Seo-ro Eo-wool-ri-ji Ahn-ah-yo
- Informal
- No, we are not the right fit for each other
- 아니, 우리는 서로 어울리지 않아 Ah-ni, Woo-ri-neun Seo-ro Eo-wool-ri-ji Ahn-ah

Words to know:

- 이미 (E-mi) means 'already'
- 우리 (Woo-ri) means 'we'
- 서로 (Seo-ro) means 'each other'

21. No, I already have a girlfriend

- Formal
- No, I already have a girlfriend

- 아니, 나는 이미 여자친구가 있어 Ah-ni, Na-neun E-mi Yeo-ja-chin-gu-ga It-sseo
- Informal
- No, I already have a girlfriend
 - 아니요, 저는 이미 여자친구가 있어요 Ah-ni-yo, Jeo-neun E-mi Yeo-ja-chin-gu-ga It-sseo-yo

22. No, go away.

- Formal
- No, go away
 - 싫어요, 저리가세요 Sil-eo-yo, Jeo-ri-ga-sae-yo
- Informal
- No, go away
 - 싫어, 저리가 Sil-eo, jeo-ri-ga

Words to know:

- 싫다 (Sil-ta) means 'hate/dislike'
- 저리가 (Jeo-ri-ga) means 'go away'

23. No, you are not my type.

- Formal
- No, you are not my type
 - 싫어요, 그쪽은 제 타입이 아니세요 Sil-eo-yo, Geu-jjok-eun Jae Ta-lb e ah-ni-se-yo
- Informal
- No, you are not my type
 - 싫어, 넌 내타입이 아니야 Sil-eo. Neo-neun Nae Ta-lb e ah-ni-ya

This is another nice, friendly rejection in Korean.

Words to know:

- 그쪽 (Geu-jjok) means 'you', you can use this word you are referring to someone you don't know too well, or someone you are not friendly with
- 그쪽은 (Geu-jjok-eun) = you are (in formal speech)
- 너는 (Neo-neun) = you are (in informal speech)
- 타입 (Ta-lb) means 'type'
- 아니야 (Ah-ni-ya) means 'not'
- 너는 내 타입이 아니야 (Neo-neun Nae Ta-lb e ah-ni-ya) means 'you are not my type'.

24. Yes, of course!

- Formal Yes, of course!
 - 네, 물론이죠! Nae, Mul-lon-e-jyo!
- Informal Yes, of course!
 - 응, 물론! Eung, Mul-lon!

Let's say they said "will you marry me" or "will you go out with me" and you actually like them.

Use this to respond.

Words to know:

- 물론 (Mul-lon) means "of course" or "for sure."