



Sentence Building Basics

문장 만들기 기초

Korean word order is different from English — but wonderfully consistent. Learn the core pattern once and you can build endless sentences.

The golden rule: S - O - V

Korean puts the verb last. Subject Object Verb.

English	Korean order	Korean
I eat rice	I rice eat	저는 밥을 먹어요
I love you	I you love	저는 당신을 사랑해요
I study Korean	I Korean study	저는 한국어를 공부해요
I drink coffee	I coffee drink	저는 커피를 마셔요
I read a book	I book read	저는 책을 읽어요
I watch a movie	I movie watch	저는 영화를 봐요
I meet a friend	I friend meet	저는 친구를 만나요
I listen to music	I music listen	저는 음악을 들어요

Building blocks

- 저는 / 나는 — "I" (polite / casual)
- ~을 / ~를 — marks the object
- ~아요 / ~어요 — polite present-tense verb ending
- Drop the subject freely — Korean loves to imply it from context.

Try it — mini prep exercise

Finish each sentence with the right verb, then check the hint. Say it out loud!

- 저는 물을 _____. (drink → 마셔요)
- 저는 음악을 _____. (listen → 들어요)
- 저는 한국어를 _____. (study → 공부해요)
- 저는 친구를 _____. (meet → 만나요)
- 저는 빵을 _____. (eat → 먹어요)

Now build your own: 저는 ____을/를 _____. Swap in any object and verb you know — the pattern never changes.