

FREE STARTER PACK

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30 Everyday Korean Phrases from K-Dramas

Hangul, pronunciation, and the situations where you hear them, so you can catch more of what you watch.

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How to use this pack

Six themed pages, five phrases each. Take one page at a time.

1

Read the Hangul first

The Korean letters are your guide. The English spelling underneath is Revised Romanization, the official system. It only approximates the sounds, so treat it as a helper.

2

Listen before you speak

Look each phrase up in a dictionary with audio, such as Naver's, and repeat it out loud. Then listen for it the next time you watch a drama.

3

Polite or casual?

Most phrases here are in the polite style, which usually ends in **요 (yo)**. Each card shows the casual form too, for close friends, family, and people younger than you. When in doubt, use polite.

4

Notice the tone

The same phrase can sound sweet, cold, or hurt. Watching how a character says it teaches you more than the words alone.

5

Tick them off

Use the checklist on page 9 to track the phrases you have heard in a drama and can now say from memory.

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Love & Feelings

Say how you feel, from a shy crush to a full confession.

01

사랑해요

saranghaeyo

I love you

Big confession scenes and quiet moments between couples and family.

Casual: 사랑해 (saranghae)

02

보고 싶어요

bogo sipeoyo

I miss you

Phone calls, reunions, and scenes where two people are apart. Literally, "I want to see you".

Casual: 보고 싶어 (bogo sipeo)

03

좋아해요

joahaeyo

I like you

The careful first step of a crush or confession, softer than "I love you".

Casual: 좋아해 (joahae)

04

행복해요

haengbokhaeyo

I'm happy

Warm, calm scenes after a long struggle, or a simple happy moment.

Casual: 행복해 (haengbokhae)

05

걱정돼요

geokjeongdwaeyo

I'm worried

When someone worries about a friend or loved one who is late, hurt, or acting strange.

Casual: 걱정돼 (geokjeongdwaee)

Thanks, Sorry & Comfort

The everyday phrases that repair moods and hold scenes together.

06

고마워요

gomawoyo

Thank you

Everyday thanks between friends, coworkers, and family.
Formal: 감사합니다 (gamsahamnida).

Casual: 고마워 (gomawo)

07

미안해요

mianhaeyo

I'm sorry

Apologies after arguments, mistakes, or small slip-ups.
Formal: 죄송합니다 (joesonghamnida).

Casual: 미안해 (mianhae)

08

괜찮아요

gwaenchanayo

I'm okay / It's fine

Waving away worry or an apology. Tone changes everything: comfort, a brush-off, or hidden hurt.

Casual: 괜찮아 (gwaenchana)

09

걱정하지 마세요

geokjeonghaji maseyo

Please don't worry

Someone calms a friend or promises to handle a problem.

Casual: 걱정하지 마 (geokjeonghaji ma)

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힘내세요

himnaeseyo

Cheer up / Hang in there

Encouraging a friend before an exam or interview, or after bad news.

Casual: 힘내 (himnae)

Everyday Care

Greetings and small check-ins that show people care.

11

안녕하세요

annyeonghaseyo

Hello

The standard polite greeting for meeting someone or walking into a shop or office.

Casual: 안녕 (annyeong)

12

밥 먹었어요?

bap meogeosseoyo?

Have you eaten?

A very common way to show you care, used like a greeting or a check-in.

Casual: 밥 먹었어? (bap meogeosseo?)

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수고했어요

sugohaesseoyo

Good work / You worked hard

After a long day or a finished task. Usually said to equals or juniors; with seniors, other phrases are more common.

Casual: 수고했어 (sugohaesseo)

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잘 자요

jal jayo

Sleep well / Good night

Bedtime goodnights between family, couples, and friends.

Casual: 잘 자 (jal ja)

15

잘 가요

jal gayo

Goodbye (to the one leaving)

Said to someone who is leaving while you stay.

Casual: 잘 가 (jal ga)

Asking & Getting Attention

Stop someone, ask for help, or invite them along.

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잠깐만요

jamkkanmanyō

Wait a moment

Stopping someone from leaving, or interrupting a tense conversation.

Casual: 잠깐만 (jamkkanman)

17

도와주세요

dowajuseyo

Please help me

Asking for help, from a small problem to an emergency.

Casual: 도와줘 (dowajwo)

18

부탁이 있어요

butagi isseoyo

I have a favor to ask

Opening a request politely before saying what you need.

Casual: 부탁이 있어 (butagi isseo)

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뭐 해요?

mwo haeyo?

What are you doing?

Phone calls, texts, and checking in on someone.

Casual: 뭐 해? (mwo hae?)

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같이 가요

gachi gayo

Let's go together

Inviting someone along, or refusing to let them go alone.

Casual: 같이 가 (gachi ga)

Big Reactions

Gasps, disbelief, and drama-sized surprise.

21

정말요?

jeongmallyo?

Really?

Reacting to surprising news.

Casual: 정말? (jeongmal?)

22

진짜요?

jinjjayo?

For real?

A livelier, more casual "really?".

Casual: 진짜? (jinjja?)

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어떡해요

eotteokhaeyo

What should I do? / Oh no

Panic or worry when something goes wrong.

Casual: 어떡해 (eotteokhae)

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어이없어요

eoieopseoyo

I'm speechless / This is absurd

Disbelief at something ridiculous or unfair.

Casual: 어이없어 (eoieopseo)

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대박

daebak

Wow! / Amazing!

Slang for something amazing, huge, or shocking. Used in casual talk.

Already casual

Emotional Moments

The lines behind the tears, the pleading, and the promises.

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그만해요

geumanhaeyo

Stop it / That's enough

Ending an argument, teasing, or a painful conversation.

Casual: 그만해 (geumanhae)

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하지 마세요

haji maseyo

Please don't

Asking someone not to do something.

Casual: 하지 마 (haji ma)

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가지 마세요

gaji maseyo

Please don't go

Begging someone to stay, a classic emotional scene.

Casual: 가지 마 (gaji ma)

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믿어요

mideoyo

I trust you / I believe you

Standing by someone when everyone else doubts them.

Casual: 믿어 (mideo)

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괜찮아질 거예요

gwaenchanajil geoyeyo

It will be okay

Reassuring someone after a hard moment.

Casual: 괜찮아질 거야 (gwaenchanajil geoya)

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Your 30-phrasе checklist

Tick a box once you have heard the phrase in a drama and can say it yourself.

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- ☐ 좋아해요 · I like you
- ☐ 행복해요 · I'm happy
- ☐ 걱정돼요 · I'm worried

THANKS, SORRY & COMFORT

- ☐ 고마워요 · Thank you
- ☐ 미안해요 · I'm sorry
- ☐ 괜찮아요 · I'm okay / It's fine
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- ☐ 힘내세요 · Cheer up / Hang in there

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- ☐ 믿어요 · I trust you / I believe you
- ☐ 괜찮아질 거예요 · It will be okay

KEEP GOING

Where to go next

More guides from HallyuConnect, all written for K-drama fans learning Korean.

5 Korean Phrases From K-Dramas Every Beginner Should Know

hallyuconnect.com/korean-phrases-from-k-dramas/

Five essentials with meaning, tone, and casual versions.

Gwaenchana (괜찮아) Meaning: How to Say "It's Okay" in Korean

hallyuconnect.com/gwaenchana-meaning/

One word, five moods: how tone changes what it means.

Oppa, Unnie, Noona, Hyung: Korean Family Words in K-Dramas

hallyuconnect.com/oppa-unnie-noona-hyung-meaning/

Who says which word, and how it shifts in romance and jealousy.

Polite vs Casual Korean: Why K-Drama Characters Switch Styles

hallyuconnect.com/polite-vs-casual-korean/

What it means when a character suddenly changes how they speak.

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