

LEVEL 1 LESSON 13

In this lesson, we are going to study how to say “I **want to**...” in Korean.

In the previous lessons, we learned how to say that something is delicious, and also how to thank for the food you are going to eat.

맛있어요. [ma-si-sseo-yo] = It's delicious.

잘 먹겠습니다. [jal meok-ge-sseum-ni-da] = Thank you for the food. I will enjoy it.

But before you order something in a restaurant in a coffee shop, you might as well ask your friends what they **want to** eat, and also tell them what you **want to** eat.

In English, you add the expression “want to” before the verb, but in Korean, you need to change the end of the verb. But don't worry. It's not too difficult to do.

-고 싶어요 [-go si-peo-yo] = I want to ...

Now, let's practice.

Here are some frequently used Korean verbs.

가다 [ga-da] = to go

보다 [bo-da] = to see

먹다 [meok-da] = to eat

And changing these verbs into the **-고 싶어요** form is very simple. Just drop the

다 [da] (the last letter in all Korean verbs) and add **-고 싶어요** [-go sipeoyo].

to go = **가다** [ga-da] ---> **가** + **-고 싶어요**

가고 싶어요 [ga-go si-peo-yo]

I want to go.

to see = **보다** [bo-da] ---> **보** + **-고 싶어요**

보고 싶어요 [bo-go si-peo-yo]

I want to see/look/watch.

to eat = **먹다** [meok-da] ---> **먹** + **-고 싶어요**

먹고 싶어요 [meok-go si-peo-yo]

I want to eat.

Sample conversation

A: **뭐 먹고 싶어요?** [mwo meok-go si-peo-yo?] = What do you want to eat?

B: **햄버거 먹고 싶어요.** [haem-beo-geo meok-go si-peo-yo] = I want to eat a hamburger.

Here's a useful word to know.

더 [deo] = more

Now that you know how to say "I want to eat (it)" you can say "I want to eat more." using this word (더).

먹고 싶어요. [meok-go si-peo-yo] = I want to eat it.

더 먹고 싶어요. [deo meok-go si-peo-yo] = I want to eat **more**.

** Note the word order here.