

GOOD JOB KOREAN

LEVEL 2

Basic Korean with 소개팅 video (소개팅 Section)

Lesson 1. Can you tell me~ / 혹시



@Kunkorean

Lesson Sentence

저.. 혹시

Well.. Can you tell me

As you already know 저 means the formal way to say 'I' or 'me'. But in this case, it's not 'I', but it is used as a conversation filler like "Hmmm.." or "Well.." in English.

저...아메리카노 주세요.

Well.. Please give me an americano.

혹시 is a magic word that makes sentence very polite whenever you ask a question in Korean. It literally means '**by any chance**'. But basically you can add 혹시 to any questions in Korean to make a sentence more polite, so 혹시 can be also translated as "**Can you tell me~**" when you ask a question.

Let's see some example sentences with 혹시!

저..혹시 화장실 어디예요?

Well.. Where is the bathroom
by any chance?

(=Can you tell me where the bathroom is?)

저.. 혹시 남자친구/여자친구 있어요?

Well.. Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend
by any chance?

(=Can you tell me if you have a boyfriend/girlfriend?)

혹시 핸드폰 번호가 뭐예요?

What is your phone number by any chance?
(Can I have your phone number by any chance?)

When you add 혹시 to questions in Korean, you are being cautious and you sound polite.

*화장실 : bathroom

*핸드폰 번호 : phone number

When you are in a coffee shop asking for the wi-fi password.

혹시 와이파이

비밀번호가 뭐예요?

*와이파이 : wi-fi

*비밀번호 : password

What is the password for wifi

by any chance?

(=Can you tell me the password for wifi?)

If I see a Korean struggling with talking to a foreigner.
I can say

혹시 도움 필요해요?

*도움 : help

*필요하다 :

to need

Do you need help by any chance?

You can also use **혹시**, when you ask a question cautiously when you are not sure about something.

Let's say you saw your friend and Jin talking, so you guess that your friend knows Jin personally, but you are not 100% sure. In this case, you can ask to your friend

혹시 진 선생님 알아요?

Do you know teacher Jin

by any chance?

*알다 : to know

If I meet a foreigner in Korea and I am not sure if he or she can speak Korean, so I can ask

혹시 한국말 할 수 있어요?

Can you speak Korean
by any chance?

If you see your friend getting all dressed up and doing make up, but she says she is going to the grocery store. Then you can ask suspiciously

혹시 남자친구 만나요?

Are you meeting your boyfriend
by any chance?

*한국말 하다 : to speak Korean

*만나다 : to meet

혹시 is very commonly used when asking a question because being polite is important in Korean culture, so I want you to practice making questions using 혹시😊