

# Basic conversations in Korean

**\*\*This is based on 'Expression'. Not 'a literal translation'\*\***

괜찮아요 Gen-cha-na-yo.

- No Thanks
- Are you okay?
- I'm okay.
- Is it okay?

## Situation 1. No Thanks

- \* A - Jihye(she is using a informal way),
- \* B - Harrison(he is using a formal way)

A : 해리슨 이것 좀 먹어봐~  
A : Harrison~ E-geot-jom Meo-geo-bwa~  
A : Harrison~ You should try it out~

Korean	이것 e-geot	저것 [            ]
English	[            ]	That thing

(he doesn't like it)  
B : 음.. 괜찮아(요).  
B : Umm.. gen-cha-na-(yo)~  
B : umm.. No Thanks (I'm okay)

A : 왜~ 좀 먹어봐~  
A : wae~ jom meo-geo-bwa~  
A : Come on~(why~) Try it out~

B : 아니에요~ 정말 괜찮아(요)~  
B : ah-ni-e-yo~ jeong-mal gen-cha-na-(yo)~  
B : No Thanks, please~ (I'm really okay)

A : 이거 진짜 맛있어.  
A ; E-geo jin-jja ma-si-sseo.  
A : This is really delicious.

## ■ What do jin-jja & jeong-mal mean in English?

→

B : 저 그거 못 먹어요.  
 B : Jeo gue-geo mon-meo-geo-yo.  
 B : I can't eat this.

Korean	이거 [                    ]	저거 Jeo-geo
English	This	[                    ]

A : 아! 미안해  
 A : Ah! Mi-an-he.  
 A : Ah! I'm sorry

B : 아니에요~괜찮아(요)~  
 B : ah-ni-e-yo~ jeong-mal gen-cha-na-(yo)~  
 B : (No~) It's okay~

Close	far
이쪽 'E-jjok' = This side	저쪽 'Jeo-jjok' = There, that place
여기요 'Yeo-gi-yeo' = Here	저기요 'Jeo-gi-yeo' = There
이거 'E-geo' = This	저거 'Jeo-geo' = That
이것 'E-geot' = This thing	저것 'Jeo-geot' = That thing

### ▶ Exercises for Practicing Conversations with your partner

#### Situation 2. Are you okay? / I'm okay

\* A - David(He is using a informal way),  
 \* B - Jihye(She is using a informal way)

A : 아~ 배부르다  
 A : Ah~ Be-bu-reu-da  
 A : Ah~ I'm full

S : 나도 배부르다  
 S : Na-do Be-bu-reu-da  
 S : I'm full too

A : 앓! 배아파!  
A : At! Be-a-pa!  
A : At! I got stomachache

B : 진짜? 괜찮아?  
B : Jin-jja? Gen-cha-na-yo~  
B : Really? Are you okay?

(He got feeling okay.)

A : 이제 괜찮아.  
A : E-je Gen-cha-na.  
A ; I'm okay now.

## Situation 2. Is it okay?

\* A – Christina (He is using a informal way),  
\* B – Jihye (She is using a informal way)

(They went to the shopping together)

A : 언니! 이거 어때? 괜찮아(요)?  
A : Unnie! E-geo uh-ddea? Gen-cha-na-(yo)?  
A ; Jihye! What do you think about it? Is this okay?

B : 오! 이쁘다!  
B : Oh! E-bbeu-da!  
B : Oh! That's pretty!

A : 진짜? 괜찮아?  
A : Jin-jja Gen-cha-na  
A ; Really? Is this okay?

B : 응 진짜 괜찮다. 이거 사~  
B : ung Jin-jja Gen-cha-na. E-geo-sa~  
B : Yes That's really good(okay). Buy this~

A : 그래!  
A : Gue-rea!  
A ; Alright!

▶ Exercises for Practicing Conversations with your partner