

Lesson 13: (으)르까요

In this lesson, you will how to use the question ending (으)르까요 to make a suggestion or to ask for the listener's opinion. By the end of this lesson, you will be able to say things like "Shall we eat lunch together?", and "Shall I open the window?".

KEY INFORMATION

(으)르까요 [(eu)l-kka-yo] = Shall we~? / Shall I~?

Conjugation Rule 1: Verb stem ends in consonant + 을까요

Conjugation Rule 2: Verb stem ends in vowel + 르까요

The ending (으)르까요 is similar to the English word 'shall' and is used to either make a suggestion or to ask someone's opinion. As (으)르까요 is a question ending, it can only be used to make questions. It can not be used to say "I shall do (something)".

Usage 1: Making A Suggestion

The ending (으)르까요 is used to make suggestions and it gives the meaning of 'Shall we~?', 'Why don't we~?', 'Shall I~?' or 'Do you want me to ~?'. Here are some examples:

가다 [ga-da] = to go

갈까요? [gal-kka-yo] = Shall we go? / Why don't we go?

먹다 [meok-da] = to eat

점심 먹을까요? [jeom-sim meo-geul-kka-yo] = Shall we eat lunch? / Why don't we eat lunch?

열다 [yeol-da] = to open

창문을 열까요? [chang-mu-neul yeol-kka-yo] = Shall I open the window? / Do you want me to open the window?

전화하다 [jeon-hwa-ha-da] = to call

저녁에 전화할까요? [jeo-nyeo-ge jeon-hwa-hal-kka-yo] = Shall I call you in the evening? / Do you want to me call you in the evening?

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Usage 2: Asking For An Opinion

The ending (으)르까요 is also used to ask for the listener's opinion when used together with the question words 뭐 (what), 어디 (where), 언제 (when), etc. Here are some examples:

가다 [ga-da] = to go

어디에 갈까요? [eo-di-e gal-kka-yo] = *Where shall we go?*

먹다 [meok-da] = to eat

뭐 먹을까요? [mwo meo-geul-kka-yo] = *What shall we eat?*

전화하다 [jeon-hwa-ha-da] = to call

언제 전화할까요? [eon-je jeon-hwa-hal-kka-yo] = *When shall I call you?*

드리다 [deu-ri-da] = to give (honorific word for 주다 to give)

뭐 드릴까요? [mwo deu-ril-kka-yo] = *What would you like? (Lit. What shall I give you?)*

Conjugation Rules

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Verb Stem Ends In Consonant + 을까요	먹을까요 (shall we/I eat?)
Verb Stem Ends In Vowel + 르까요	갈까요 (shall we/I go?)

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Example Sentences

어디에 갈까요? [eo-di-e gal-kka-yo] = *Where shall we go?*

공원에 가요. [gong-wo-ne ga-yo] = *Let's go to the park.*

같이 점심 먹을까요? [jeom-sim meo-geul-kka-yo] = *Shall we eat lunch together?*

네, 좋아요. [ne jo-a-yo] = *Okay, sounds good.*

언제 전화할까요? [eon-je jeon-hwa-hal-kka-yo] = *When shall I call you?*

저녁에 전화하세요. [jeo-nyeo-ge jeon-hwa-ha-se-yo] = *Please call me in the evening.*

뭐 드릴까요? [mwo deu-ril-kka-yo] = *What would you like?*

커피 주세요. [keo-pi ju-se-yo] = *Coffee, please.*