

LEVEL 3 LESSON 20

In Level 3 Lesson 12, we introduced a conjunction that means "but still" or "nevertheless," which is **그래도** [geu-rae-do]. Today we are introducing a verb ending that means the same thing as **그래도** but can be used to combine two sentences together.

-아/어/여도 [-a/eo/yeo-do] = even if, even though

Construction

- Verb stems ending with the vowel ㅏ or ㅑ are followed by -아도
- Verb stems ending with other vowels are followed by -어도
- Verb stems ending with ㅏ are followed by -여도

Examples

보다 [bo-da] = to see

--> **봐도** [bwa-do] = even if you see, even if you look

울다 [ul-da] = to cry

--> **울어도** [u-reo-do] even if you cry, even though you cry

공부하다 [gong-bu-ha-da] = to study

--> **공부해도** [gong-bu-hae-do] even if you study, even though you study

Combining two sentences together

요즘에 바빠요. + 그래도 운동은 하고 있어요.

[yo-jeu-me ba-ppa-yo] + [geu-rae-do un-dong-eun ha-go i-sseo-yo.]

= I'm busy these days. But still, I'm doing some exercise.

--> 요즘에 바빠도, 운동은 하고 있어요.

= Even though I'm busy these days, I'm still doing some exercise.

Sample sentences

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1. 집에 가도, 밥이 없어요.

[ji-be ga-do, ba-bi eop-seo-yo.]

= Even if I go home, there is no food.

2. 택시를 타도, 시간이 오래 걸려요.

[taek-si-reul ta-do, si-ga-ni o-rae geol-lyeo-yo.]

= Even if I take a taxi, it takes a long time.

3. 석진 씨는 제가 전화를 해도 안 받아요.

[seok-jin ssi-neun je-ga jeon-hwa-reul hae-do an ba-da-yo.]

= Even if I call him, 석진 doesn't answer.

4. 냄새는 이상해도 맛있어요.

[naem-sae-neun i-sang-hae-do ma-si-sseo-yo.]

= Even though the smell is weird, it's tasty.

5. 바빠도 한국에 갈 거예요.

[ba-ppa-do han-gu-ge gal geo-ye-yo.]

= Even if I'm busy, I will go to Korea.