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In the previous lesson, we introduced how to use **반말** (casual language) as well as the cases and situations in which you can safely speak in 반말. Now, in this lesson, we are taking a look at how to make **"let's" sentences in 반말.**

For sentences in the plain present tense and the past tense, you can just drop the suffix "-요" at the end to change a sentence from 존댓말 to 반말. But, if you want to say "let's" do something when speaking in 반말, you need to use a different ending.

Structure

Verb stem + -자 [-ja]

Examples

하다 [ha-da] = to do

하 + 자 = 하자 [ha-ja] = Let's do it.

하지 말다 [ha-ji mal-da] = to not do it

하지 말 + 자 = 하지 말자 [ha-ji mal-ja] = Let's not do it.

먹다 [meok-da] = to eat

먹 + 자 = 먹자 [meok-ja] = Let's eat.

Sample sentences

1. 내일 보자.

[nae-il bo-ja]

= Let's meet tomorrow. / See you tomorrow.

2. 이거 사자.

[i-geo sa-ja]

= Let's buy this.

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3. 우리 내일은 쉬자.

[u-ri nae-i-reun swi-ja]

= Let's take a day off tomorrow.

4. 같이 가자.

[ga-chi ga-ja]

= Let's go together.

5. 조금만 더 기다리자.

[jo-geum-man deo gi-da-ri-ja]

= Let's wait a little longer.

More Phrases in 반말

1. 안녕하세요 [an-nyeong-ha-se-yo] -> 안녕 [an-nyeong]

2. 안녕히 가세요 [an-nyeong-hi ga-se-yo] -> 안녕 [an-nyeong] / 잘 가 [jal ga]

3. 안녕히 계세요. [an-nyeong-hi ge-se-yo] -> 안녕 [an-nyeong] / 잘 있어. [jal i-sseo]

4. 저 [jeo] -> 나 [na]

5. ~ 씨 [ssi] / You -> 너 [neo]

6. 네 [ne] / 예 [ye] -> 응 [eung] / 어 [eo]

7. 아니요 [a-ni-yo] -> 아니 [a-ni] / 아니야 [a-ni-ya]