

## LEVEL 4 LESSON 11

In this lesson, we are going to look at how to say **“anyone”**, **“anything”**, and **“anywhere”** in Korean.

The basic word that you will need to learn is **아무** [a-mu].

**아무** [a-mu] basically means “any” and it HAS TO be used along with other nouns. And when it is used in a negative context, it means “no” + noun.

### Expressions (positive sentences)

For positive sentences, you add **-나** [-na] at the end of the word.

1. 아무나 [a-mu-na] = anybody, doesn't matter who, anyone

Ex) 아무나 올 수 있어요. [a-mu-na ol su i-sseo-yo.] = Anybody can come.

2. 아무거나 [a-mu-geo-na] = anything, doesn't matter what

Ex) 아무거나 주세요. [a-mu-geo-na ju-se-yo.] = Give me just anything.

(Originally 아무거나 comes from 아무 + 것이나 [amu geo-si-na]. 것 [geot] means “thing”.)

3. 아무데나 [a-mu-de-na] = anywhere, any place

Ex) 아무데나 좋아요. [a-mu-de-na jo-a-yo.] = Any place is good.

(Originally 데 [de] means “place” or “spot”.)

### Expressions (negative sentences)

For negative sentences, you add **-도** [do] at the end of the word.

1. 아무도 [a-mu-do] = nobody, not anybody

Ex) 아무도 없어요? [a-mu-do eop-seo-yo?] = Nobody here?

2. 아무것도 [a-mu-geot-do] = nothing, not anything

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Ex) 아무것도 만지지 마세요. [a-mu-geot-do man-ji-ji ma-se-yo.] = Don't touch anything.

Ex) 아무것도 몰라요. [a-mu-geot-do mol-la-yo.] = I don't know anything.

3. 아무데도 [a-mu-de-do] = nowhere, not any place

Ex) 아무데도 안 갈 거예요. [a-mu-de-do an gal geo-ye-yo.] = I'm not going anywhere.

### How to say "not just anybody"

If what you imply is "be careful when you make a choice" and if you want to say things like "Don't eat at just any place." "Don't hang out with just about anybody." "Don't buy just about anything (without enough consideration).", you can use the expressions "아무나" "아무거나" or "아무데나" in a negative sentence.

Ex)

- 아무나 올 수 없어요. [a-mu-na ol su eop-seo-yo.] = Not everybody can come.

- 아무"도" 올 수 없어요. [a-mu-do ol su eop-seo-yo.] = Nobody can come.

Ex)

- 아무거나 먹으면 안 돼요. [a-mu-geo-na meo-geu-myeon an dwae-yo.] = You shouldn't eat just anything.

- 아무것도 먹으면 안 돼요. [a-mu-geot-do meo-geu-myeon an dwae-yo.] = You shouldn't eat anything at all.

Ex)

- 아무데나 가고 싶지 않아요. [a-mu-de-na ga-go sip-ji a-na-yo.] = I don't want to go just about anywhere.

- 아무데도 가고 싶지 않아요. [a-mu-de-do ga-go sip-ji a-na-yo.] = I don't want to go anywhere.

### More expressions

There are more expressions using 아무 [a-mu], such as 아무때나 [a-mu-ttae-na] for "anytime", but they will be introduced in a future lesson.