

LEVEL 4 LESSON 7

In this lesson, we are looking at the expression “**괜찮아요** [gwaen-cha-na-yo]”. **괜찮아요** is very commonly used in everyday Korean conversations and can have various meanings.

The basic (and the most widely known) meaning of **괜찮아요** is “**It’s okay.**” or “**I’m okay.**” Let’s look at some more examples of how **괜찮아요** can be used.

But before that, let us break down the sentence, **괜찮아요**.

괜찮아요 comes from a much longer sentence that does not necessarily make sense in its entirety.

괜하다 (gwaen-ha-da) = to be pointless, to be meaningless (This word is almost never used as is.)

괜하지 않다 --> **괜치 않다** --> **괜찮다** = It’s okay.

Present tense = **괜찮아요** [gwaen-cha-na-yo]

Past tense = **괜찮았어요** [gwaen-cha-na-sseo-yo]

Future tense = **괜찮을 거예요** [gwaen-cha-neul geo-ye-yo]

Usages of **괜찮아요**

1. “I am okay.” “I am alright.” “Everything is fine.”

Ex)

(You slip and fall on the ground, and someone asks you if you are alright.)

괜찮아요. = I’m okay.

2. “Don’t worry.” “No worries.”

Ex)

(Your friend is worrying about something, and you want to tell her not to worry.)

괜찮아요. = Don’t worry.

LEVEL 4 LESSON 7

3. "It's good."

Ex)

(You refer to something as "cool" "good" or "recommendable".)

이 영화 진짜 괜찮아요. = This movie is really good.

4. "I'm cool." "No, thanks."

Ex)

(Your friend offers you a drink, and you want to politely refuse it.)

괜찮아요. = No, thanks. I'm good.