

N 중에(서)

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중 is derived from a Chinese character meaning "middle" or "center." **중에서** means "among," "between," or "out of all." **중에서** is placed after the noun. Often **중에서** is shortened to just **중에**.

NOUNS

한국 음식	→	한국 음식 중에서(서)	(out of all Korean foods)
고기	→	고기 중에서(서)	(out of all meats)
운동	→	운동 중에서(서)	(out of all exercises)

- > 한국 음식 **중에서** 무엇이 제일 맛있어요? Among Korean foods, what is most delicious?
- > 소고기하고 생선 **중에** 저는 소고기를 더 좋아해요. Between beef and fish, I prefer beef.
- > 이 세 개 **중에서** 저는 이것을 사고 싶어요. Among these 3 things, I want to buy this one.
- > 운동 **중에** 걷기와 요가를 제일 좋아합니다. Of all the exercises, walking and yoga are my favorite.
- > 가 본 곳 **중에** 가장 아름다운 도시는 로마였어요. Of all the places I've been, Rome was the most beautiful.

USAGE NOTE: "OR"

This grammar form can also be translated to "or" in some sentences. When asking people to choose between two (or more) options, we use "or" in English. For example, "do you prefer coffee or tea?" or "do you like cats or dogs?" Although we use "or" in English, it is most natural to use "중에" or "중에서" in sentences like this in Korean. You can follow this format: **N1하고 N2 중에 어떤 것을 V?**

- > 커피와 차 **중에서** 어떤 것을 선호하세요? Do you prefer coffee or tea?
- > 강아지랑 고양이 **중에** 어떤 것을 좋아하세요? Do you like cats or dogs?