

V~아/어 보다

For trying new things

인도에서 여행해 보고 싶어요.

I want to try traveling in India.

This grammar form is only used with action verbs. You can use this form to talk about things you try to do. This grammar includes the verb "보다" which means "to see." You can think about this grammar form literally meaning: to do something, and then **see how it goes**, or **see what happens**.

Grammar Form	Present Tense	Past Tense	Future Tense
~아/어 보다	~아/어 봐요	~아/어 봤어요	~아/어 볼 거예요

ACTION VERBS

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If the last vowel sound of the verb stem is ㅏ or ㅑ, attach ~아 보다

일어나다	→	일어나 보다	(to try getting up)
받다	→	받아 보다	(to try receiving)
㊸ 돕다	→	도와 보다	(to try helping)

If the last vowel sound of the verb is ㅏ, attach ~해 보다

여행하다	→	여행해 보다	(to try traveling)
사랑하다	→	사랑해 보다	(to try loving)

If the last vowel sound of the verb is something else, attach ~어 보다

읽다	→	읽어 보다	(to try reading)
마시다	→	마셔 보다	(to try drinking)
㊹ 듣다	→	들어 보다	(to try listening)

- > 김치를 먹어 봐요. Try the kimchi.*
- > 이 책을 읽어 봐요. Try reading this book.
- > 여름 때 서핑해 보고 싶어요. I want to try surfing in the summer.

Note: in English, the verb "to try" can include the meaning of "eating" and "drinking" without needing to include those words, whereas in Korean, you must say "먹어 보다" and "마셔 보다."