

Unit 3 – Lessson 7

Nunchi: How to Read a Room

What do you usually do when you enter a room with people in it? Do you immediately greet the entire group? Do you start ..... to one person? Or do you "read the room" first? Reading a room means to become ..... of the opinions and attitudes of people in the room before you ..... In South Korea, this idea is called **nunchi**.

Nunchi is the art of understanding what other people are ..... and ..... First, you think about a group of people as a whole, not each person individually. Then you.....what to say or do based on the mood of the room. It's an idea that is hundreds of years old, but it's very ..... today.

Let's look at an example. Ari Park is Korean, and she ..... in Canada until she was 12. Then her family ..... to South Korea. At first, school was difficult for Ari because she mostly ..... English and only knew a little Korean. But she soon realized she ..... learn a lot without even speaking by using nunchi.

It..... her decide what to do or say by getting a feel for the situation.



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Here are the most important things to remember:

👀 **……** when you enter a room of people. Your presence in the room changes the atmosphere. Don't ……. any major changes too quickly. ……. say anything or do anything, just watch.

👂 **……** to people's words. Don't feel that you have to ask questions. People sometimes ask questions because they don't like silence or because they're …… But if you wait, the questions in your head ……. answered. Keep listening.

💭 **……** about what people are not saying. Don't think someone …… cheerful just because they sound that way. Look at people's faces and their body language. Do these match their words? Think about how they really feel.

👁 **……. attentiion** by always watching, listening, and thinking. In groups, things can change quickly, so pay ……. to everything. Try to understand the group quickly, and you'll soon ……. some control. You can follow these …… and use nunchi, too. Remember, it's about ……., listening, thinking, and paying attention to the entire group. It's about being aware. And it's about choosing to be ……. and speak. It can ……. you be more comfortable in a group setting.



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