## let alone (not to mention)

## (N/clause) ~는/은커녕 (N/ clause) (=는/은 고사하고)

: Neither of which are achieved, but the preceding noun/clause is less probable/more difficult compared with the following

1. 라이언은 영어는커녕 한국어도 못 해요.

=(라이언은 영어는 고사하고 한국어도 못 해요.)

Ryan is bad at Korean, let alone English.

2. 저는 새차는커녕 중고차도 못 사요.

(=저는 <mark>새차는 고사하고 중고차</mark>도 못 사요.)

I can't buy a used car, let alone a new car

3. 저는 오늘 저녁에 너무 바빠서 저녁**은커녕** 물도 못 마셨어요.

(=저는 오늘 저녁에 너무 바빠서 저녁은 고사하고 물도 못 마셨어요.)

I was so busy this evening that I couldn't even drink water, not to mention of dinner.

\*\* More advanced : a clause can be replaced with noun. 저녁은커녕 = 저녁을 먹기는 커녕

## 오글거리다

We use the expression when we see things that make us "cringe". when you look it up in the dictionary, it's actually used when describing squirmy movements by little wriggly worms so... obviously we use it INCORRECTLY!

The correct one which we also use a lot is "손발이 오그라들다" which literally means your hands and

feet are curled up.

라이언이 올린 사진은 너무 오글거려 (=라이언이 올린 사진은 손발이 오그라들게 만들어) The picture Ryan posted totally makes me cringe

오글거리는 사진 (=손발이 오그라드는 사진) A Picture that makes you cringe.

## 허세

This is used when referring to a bluffing person, but Koreans use in this context too. Let's suppose my friends saw the picture and they know that I don't drink wine, read books and listen to jazz at night. So that picture makes them cringe..

라이언은 허세가 심하다 (Slang, 라이언은 허세가 쩐다)