



Korean Ladder Study Note

이리 와 / 하지 마 / 빨리 해

Giving Casual Commands to Close Friends

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Colloquial Banmal (Casual)	이리 와 / 하지 마 / 빨리 해 Giving Casual Commands to Close Friends

Study Links

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Core Idea

Here's my fear. If I tell a Korean friend, 이리 와, does that sound friendly, or am I accidentally bossing people around?

좋은 질문이에요. 이리 와 can be warm with a close friend, but rude to a stranger or someone older unless you are already very close.

So today, the key is not just grammar. It is grammar plus relationship.

오늘의 패턴은 반말 명령이에요. In English, casual commands like come, eat, do it, and don't do it.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호야, 이리 좀 와. —	Junho, come here for a sec.
Junho	왜? —	Why?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이거 봐. 근데 만지지 마. —	Look at this. But don't touch it.
Junho	알았어. 빨리 해. —	Got it. Hurry up and do it.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
반말 명령 banmal myeongnyeong	casual command	오늘의 패턴은 반말 명령이에요. In English, casual commands like come, eat, do it, and don't do it.
와 · 먹어 · 해 wa · meogeo · hae	come · eat · do it	The positive command often uses the plain 아 or 어 shape: 와, 먹어, 해. Short, direct, casual.
-지 마 -ji ma	don't ____	For don't, use 지 마 after the verb stem. 하지 마 means don't do it.
와 ↔ 오세요 wa ↔ oseyo	come, casual ↔ please come, polite	So this is not the polite form like 오세요 or 드세요. This is the casual friend version.
반말: 와 / 존댓말: 오세요 banmal: wa / jondaetmal: oseyo	casual: come / polite: please come	맞아요. 와 is casual. 오세요 is polite. Both can be kind, but they fit different relationships.
이리 와 iri wa	Come here.	First example. 이리 와. It means come here. You can say it to a close friend, a younger sibling, or a pet.
밥 먹어 bap meogeo	Eat. / Eat your meal.	Next. 밥 먹어. It means eat your meal, or eat some food. Natural and casual.
먹어 meogeo	Eat.	먹어 comes from 먹다, to eat. In casual speech, it can be a command: eat.



Grammar / Structure Notes

반말 명령

반말 명령 — casual command

Use only with close friends, younger people, or very familiar relationships.

와 · 먹어 · 해

와 · 먹어 · 해 — come · eat · do it

Bare casual command forms

-지 마

-지 마 — don't ____

Verb stem + 지 마

와 ↔ 오세요

와 ↔ 오세요 — come, casual ↔ please come, polite

Choose by relationship.

반말: 와 / 존댓말: 오세요

반말: 와 / 존댓말: 오세요 — casual: come / polite: please come

Casual is not automatically rude, but it is not universal.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
이리 와	iri wa
이리 좀 와	iri jom wa
빨리 해	ppalli hae
하지 마	haji ma

Self-Check

- 1 Say 이리 와 / 하지 마 / 빨리 해 three times: slow, natural, then inside a short sentence.
- 2 Write one original sentence that was not in the video.
- 3 Rewatch the YouTube lesson and pause when the same pattern appears.

Related / Subsequent Studies



Lesson	Why study it next	Link
고마워 / 미안 / 괜찮아 친구끼리 주고받는 반말 인사	A1 Colloquial: compare 고마워 / 미안 / 괜찮아 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-BAN-004
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밥 먹었어 Everyday Casual Questions Among Friends	A1 Colloquial: compare 밥 먹었어 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-BAN-002

My Notes

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