



Korean Ladder Study Note

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Banmal Leave-Taking Among Friends

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Colloquial Banmal (Casual)	나 먼저 갈게 / 조심히 가 / 연락할게 Banmal Leave-Taking Among Friends

Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2W-ugyNvy4>

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. At the end of a hangout, I know 안녕, but that feels too tiny. How do I say, "I'm gonna go," "get home safe," and "I'll text you," like an actual friend?

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, friends often use short banmal closings. They are warm, casual, and quick.

Today's three key lines are 나 먼저 갈게, 조심히 가, and 연락할게.

The main pattern is the casual promise ending, the ending 르게 or 을게. It means "I'll," often as a casual promise or decision said to the listener.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	나 먼저 갈게. —	I'll head out first.
Junho	응, 조심히 가. —	Okay, get home safely.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	집에 가서 연락할게. —	I'll text you when I get home.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
나 먼저 갈게 · 조심히 가 · 연락할게 na meonjeo galge · josimhi ga · yeollakhalge	I'll head out first · Get home safely · I'll contact you	Today's three key lines are 나 먼저 갈게, 조심히 가, and 연락할게.
동사 + ㄹ게 / 을게 dongs a + lge / eulge	I'll...	The main pattern is the casual promise ending, the ending ㄹ게 or 을게. It means "I'll," often as a casual promise or decision said to the listener.
갈게 → casual 갈게요 → polite galge → casual galgeyo → polite	I'll go	With friends, we usually do not add 요 here. 갈게 is casual. 갈게요 is polite.
갈게 galge	I'll go	So 갈게 means "I'll go," but it sounds like I'm telling my friend my plan in a friendly way.
나 먼저 갈게 na meonjeo galge	I'll head out first.	맞아요. 나 먼저 갈게 means "I'll head out first." It is very natural when you leave before your friend.
조심히 가 josimhi ga	Go carefully. Get home safely.	Now the friend who stays, or the friend sending you off, can say 조심히 가.
친구가 떠날 때: 조심히 가 chinguga tteonal ttae: josimhi ga	When a friend is leaving: Get home safely	So if my friend is leaving, I can say 조심히 가, like "get home safe."
연락할게 yeollakhalge	I'll contact you. I'll text you.	The third line is 연락할게. It means "I'll contact you," or more naturally, "I'll text you" or "I'll be in touch."



Grammar / Structure Notes

나 먼저 갈게 · 조심히 가 · 연락할게

나 먼저 갈게 · 조심히 가 · 연락할게 — I'll head out first · Get home safely · I'll contact you

Banmal closings among friends

동사 + 르게 / 을게

동사 + 르게 / 을게 — I'll...

A casual promise or decision said to the listener

갈게 → casual 갈게요 → polite

갈게 → casual

갈게요 → polite — I'll go

Use casual only with close people

갈게

갈게 — I'll go

said to the listener

나 먼저 갈게

나 + 먼저 + 갈게 — I'll head out first.

맞아요. 나 먼저 갈게 means "I'll head out first." It is very natural when you leave before your friend.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
나 먼저 갈게	na meonjeo galge
갈게	galge
열라갈게	yeollakhalge
나 먼저 갈게	na meonjeo galge
조심히 가	josimhi ga

Self-Check

- 1 Say 나 먼저 갈게 / 조심히 가 / 연락할게 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
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My Notes

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