



Korean Ladder Study Note

네네 / 예예

Doubling Yes to Soften Agreement

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Colloquial Fillers & Reactions	네네 / 예예 Doubling Yes to Soften Agreement

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-010>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOYO-G1fv5Y>

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Core Idea

I hear 네네 on calls. Is it just a friendlier, softer version of yes?

Not exactly. 네네 and 예예 can both be repeated acknowledgments. Their feeling depends on the relationship, setting, timing, and tone of voice.

Today's pattern is 네네 and 예예. They can show that you are following along, that you understand, or simply that you acknowledge information.

네 하나, 예 하나만으로도 이미 공손해요. Saying one twice is optional. It can add a responsive listening feeling in the right moment.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	예약은 내일 오후 두 시로 되어 있습니다. —	Your reservation is set for tomorrow at 2 p.m.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	예, 예. 확인했습니다. —	Yes, yes. I have confirmed it.
Hana	성함을 말씀해 주세요. —	Please tell me your name.
Junho	김준호입니다. —	I am Kim Junho.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
네네 / 예예 nene / yeye	repeated polite acknowledgment	Today's pattern is 네네 and 예예. They can show that you are following along, that you understand, or simply that you acknowledge information.
네 / 예 ne / ye	one polite yes is enough	네 하나, 예 하나만으로도 이미 공손해요. Saying one twice is optional. It can add a responsive listening feeling in the right moment.
네네 nene	a quick repeated acknowledgment	네네 can be a quick repeated acknowledgment. Depending on the situation and tone, it can show that you are listening or that you understand.
맞장구 matjjanggu	backchannel; listening response	Korean has a useful idea called 맞장구. It is a listening response that shows you are with the speaker, like a small verbal nod.
네네: 듣고 있다는 신호가 될 수 있어요 nene: deutgo itdaneun sinhoga doel su isseoyo	It can signal, "I'm listening."	Right. But it does not literally mean 듣고 있어요 every time. It can signal that you are listening, without being a full sentence about listening.
반복은 선택이에요 banbogeun seontaegieyo	Repetition is optional.	Also, do not repeat it too much. If you say 네네 or 예예 after every tiny detail, it can sound brisk or impatient. Natural timing matters.
예 / 예예 ye / yeye	polite yes → repeated polite acknowledgment	예도 공손한 yes예요. 네보다 조금 더 격식 있게 들릴 때도 있지만, 네도 공식적인 상황에서 충분히 공손해요.
정중한 맞장구 jeongjunghan matjjanggu	Doubling Yes to Soften Agreement	That 예, 예 is a 정중한 맞장구, a polite listening response. It fits because Hana is acknowledging information and then clearly saying she has confirmed it.



Grammar / Structure Notes

네네 / 예예

네네 / 예예 — repeated polite acknowledgment

They can be attentive listening responses, not only agreement.

네 / 예

네 / 예 — one polite yes is enough

Repeating is a choice, not a rule.

네네, 알겠어요.

네네, 알겠어요. — Yes, yes. I understand.

A conversational, attentive response.

네네

네네 — a quick repeated acknowledgment

It may be one connected backchannel or two quick acknowledgments.

네네, 알겠어요.

네네, + 알겠어요. — Yes, yes. I understand.

In 네네, 알겠어요, the 알겠어요 after it makes it clear that the speaker understands.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
정중한 맛장구	jeongjunghan matjjanggu
네네	nene
네네, 알겠어요.	nene, algesseoyo.
예, 예. 확인했습니다.	ye, ye. hwaginhaetseumnida.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 네네 / 예예 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
네 / 아니요 / 맞아요 Natural Korean Reactions	A1 Colloquial: compare 네 / 아니요 / 맞아요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-001
아 / 오 / 헐 / 어머 First Korean Interjections for Surprise and Feeling	A1 Colloquial: compare 아 / 오 / 헐 / 어머 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-003
아하 / 오호 / 흠 Beginner 'I See' and Thinking Sounds	A1 Colloquial: compare 아하 / 오호 / 흠 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-005
앗 / 어이쿠 / 이런 Beginner 'Oops' and Startle Sounds	A1 Colloquial: compare 앓 / 어이쿠 / 이런 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-008

My Notes

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