



Korean Ladder Study Note

도착했어요 / 앞에서 기다릴게요

Checking In When You Arrive

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Appointments	도착했어요 / 앞에서 기다릴게요 Checking In When You Arrive

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-APT-006>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPXSRyuofu0>

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Core Idea

Here is the problem. I arrive first, look at my phone, and suddenly I do not know the simple Korean message.

My English brain wants to say something like, I am arrived, or 저는 여기. But I know that is probably not the natural message.

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, the clean check-in is 저 도착했어요. It means, I arrived.

And if you will wait in front of the place, say 앞에서 기다릴게요. It means, I'll wait in front.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저 도착했어요. —	I arrived.
Junho	어디세요? —	Where are you?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	카페 앞에 있어요. —	I'm in front of the cafe.
Junho	저도 곧 도착해요. —	I'll arrive soon too.
Hana	네, 앞에서 기다릴게요. —	Okay, I'll wait in front.
Hana	저 도착했어요. —	I arrived.
Junho	어디세요? —	Where are you?
Hana	카페 앞에 있어요. —	I'm in front of the cafe.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
도착해요 → 도착했어요 dochakhaeyo → dochakhaesseoyo	arrive / will arrive → arrived	Another small point. 도착해요 means I arrive, or I will arrive. 도착했어요 means I arrived. When you are already there, use 도착했어요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

저 도착했어요.

저 도착했어요. — I arrived.

Polite and natural for a message or call.

앞에서 기다릴게요.

앞에서 기다릴게요. — I'll wait in front.

Use 에서 for where the waiting happens.

도착했어요. 앞에서 기다릴게요.

도착했어요. 앞에서 기다릴게요. — I arrived. I'll wait in front.

Arrival plus waiting spot.

도착했어요.

도착 + 했어요. — I arrived.

First, 도착했어요 is the polite past form of 도착하다, to arrive.

저 도착했어요.

저 + 도착했어요. — I arrived.

You can add 저 at the front: 저 도착했어요. Here, 저 gently means I, and it sounds natural in a short message.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
저 도착했어요.	jeo dochakhaesseoyo.
기다릴게요.	gidarilgeyo.
앞에서 기다릴게요.	apeseo gidarilgeyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 도착했어요 / 앞에서 기다릴게요 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
끝나는 시간이 몇 시예요 Asking When a Class, Shift, or Appointment Ends	A1 Conversation: compare 끝나는 시간이 몇 시예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-APT-005
내일로 미룰까요 Postponing a Simple Plan	A1 Conversation: compare 내일로 미룰까요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-APT-004
다음에 연락할게요 / 그때 봐요 Closing Plans With a Soft Follow-Up	A1 Conversation: compare 다음에 연락할게요 / 그때 봐요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-APT-003
오늘은 어려울 것 같아요 Canceling Plans Without Sounding Rude	A1 Conversation: compare 오늘은 어려울 것 같아요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-APT-002

My Notes

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