



Korean Ladder Study Note

조금 일찍 갈게요 / 시간에 맞춰 도착할게요

Confirming When You'll Arrive

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Appointments	조금 일찍 갈게요 / 시간에 맞춰 도착할게요 Confirming When You'll Arrive

Study Links

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Core Idea

If I want to say, “I’ll arrive a little early,” can I say 조금 일찍 갈게요? Or does that only mean I’m leaving early?

좋은 질문이에요. 조금 일찍 갈게요 can work when the context is clear. But 도착할게요 clearly says that your arrival will be early. In English, it makes the destination point clear.

약속을 확인할 때는 출발보다 도착을 말하면 더 분명해요. In English, say “arrive” when you want the other person to know your arrival timing.

오늘의 핵심은 조금 일찍 도착할게요예요. It means, “I’ll arrive a little early,” and it clearly confirms your plan.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	내일 오후 두 시에 카페에서 만나요. —	Let’s meet at the café at two tomorrow afternoon.
Junho	네, 시간에 맞춰 도착할게요. —	Yes, I’ll arrive on time.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저는 조금 일찍 갈게요. —	I'll go a little early.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
조금 일찍 도착할게요 jogeum iljjik dochakhalgeyo	I'll arrive a little early.	오늘의 핵심은 조금 일찍 도착할게요예요. It means, "I'll arrive a little early," and it clearly confirms your plan.
도착할게요 dochakhalgeyo	I'll arrive.	도착할게요처럼 말하면 내가 그렇게 하겠다는 공손한 약속이 돼요. In English, it is a polite commitment that you choose to make.
조금 + 일찍 + 도착할게요 jogeum + iljjik + dochakhalgeyo	a little + early + I'll arrive	So 조금 is "a little," 일찍 is "early," and 도착할게요 tells them I'll arrive. That feels much clearer.
조금 jogeum	a little	맞아요. 조금 makes the timing small and friendly. In English, it softens "early" to "a little early."
시간에 맞춰 sigane matchwo	on time; as scheduled	시간에 맞춰 means "in time for the scheduled time." In English, this is your useful phrase for "on time."
시간에 맞춰 도착할게요 sigane matchwo dochakhalgeyo	I'll arrive on time.	If I don't know the exact minute, I can still say 시간에 맞춰 도착할게요. I'm confirming that I'll be on time.
조금 늦을 것 같아요 jogeum neujeul geot gatayo	I think I'll be a little late.	늦을 것 같아요 means you expect a delay, but you are not stating it as a firm promise. In English, "I think I'll be late" sounds softer and more considerate.
조금 일찍 갈게요 jogeum iljjik galgeyo	I'll go a little early.	갈게요는 내가 하기로 한 행동에 잘 어울려요. But for a possible delay, 늦을 것 같아요 sounds more natural and considerate.



Grammar / Structure Notes

조금 일찍 도착할게요

조금 일찍 도착할게요 — I'll arrive a little early.

Use this to confirm an early arrival.

도착할게요

도착할게요 — I'll arrive.

A polite, willing commitment.

조금 일찍 도착할게요.

조금 + 일찍 + 도착 + 할게요. — I'll arrive a little early.

먼저 이 문장을 들어 보세요. 조금 일찍 도착할게요. In English, "I'll arrive a little early."

시간에 맞춰 도착할게요.

시간 + 에 + 맞춰 + 도착 + 할게요. — I'll arrive on time.

시간에 맞춰 도착할게요. This means, "I'll arrive on time," or "I'll arrive as scheduled."

조금 일찍 갈게요.

조금 + 일찍 + 갈게요. — I'll go a little early.

조금 일찍 갈게요도 자연스러워요. It means, "I'll go a little early." At a meetup, add 도착 when you want to be extra clear about arrival.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
시간에 맞춰 도착할게요	sigane matchwo dochakhageyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 조금 일찍 갈게요 / 시간에 맞춰 도착할게요 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
도착했어요 / 앞에서 기다릴게요 Checking In When You Arrive	A1 Conversation: compare 도착했어요 / 앞에서 기다릴게요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-APT-006

My Notes

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