



Korean Ladder Study Note

거의 다 왔어요 /

Giving Live ETA Updates on the Way

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Appointments	거의 다 왔어요 / Giving Live ETA Updates on the Way

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

My friend is waiting at a café. I'm one street away. Can I say 거의 다 왔어요 even though I'm not there yet?

네, 그럴 때 쓰면 좋아요. Yes, that's a good moment to use it. 거의 다 왔어요 means you're almost there.

And if I'm running late, I need more than a hopeful 'almost,' right?

오늘은 도착 시간을 알려 주는 표현을 배워요. Today we'll learn how to tell someone when you'll arrive, using polite everyday Korean.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	지금 어디예요? —	Where are you now?
Junho	역 앞이에요. 5분 뒤에 도착해요. —	I'm in front of the station. I'll arrive in five minutes.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 카페 안에서 기다릴게요. —	Okay, I'll wait inside the café.
Junho	죄송해요. 5분 정도 늦을 것 같아요. —	I'm sorry. I think I'll be about five minutes late.
Hana	괜찮아요. 천천히 오세요. —	It's okay. Take your time getting here.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
5분 → 오 분 —	Giving Live ETA Updates on the Way	시간을 나타내는 ‘분’ 앞에는 한자어 수를 써요. ‘다섯 분’이 아니라 ‘오 분’이라고 해요. For minutes, use Sino-Korean numbers: 오, not 다섯. Try again: 오 분 뒤에 도착해요.
1분 · 3분 · 10분 —	Giving Live ETA Updates on the Way	좋아요. Now change only the number. 일 분, 삼 분, 십 분. One minute, three minutes, ten minutes. 삼 분 뒤에 도착해요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

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5분 뒤에 도착해요.

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Polite everyday speech

___분 뒤에 도착해요.

___분 뒤에 도착해요. — I'll arrive in ___ minutes.

뒤에 = after; here, counted from now

거의 다 왔어요. / 5분 뒤에 도착해요.

거의 다 왔어요. / 5분 뒤에 도착해요. — I'm almost there. / I'll arrive in five minutes.

So I can give a feeling of closeness with 거의 다 왔어요, or an actual estimate with 오 분 뒤에 도착해요.

거의 다 왔어요.

거의 + 다 + 왔어요. — I'm almost there.

거의 다 왔어요. I'm almost there. You might send this when you're just around the corner.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
거의 다 왔어요.	Repeat the whole expression in one relaxed phrase.
오 분 뒤에 도착해요.	Minutes use Sino-Korean numbers: 오, not 다섯.
삼 분 뒤에 도착해요.	Read: 일 분 · 삼 분 · 십 분

Self-Check

- 1 Say 거의 다 왔어요 / 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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