



Korean Ladder Study Note

여기서 어떻게 가요

Asking How to Get Somewhere

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Directions & Transit	여기서 어떻게 가요 Asking How to Get Somewhere

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk — I'm standing on a corner in Seoul, totally lost. What do I even say first?

The one sentence that saves you is 여기서 어떻게 가요. It means, from here, how do I go.

여기서 means from here. 어떻게 means how. 가요 means go. Together — from here, how do I go.

Wait, why is it 여기서 and not just 여기? Where does that 서 come from?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저기요, 약국이 여기서 어떻게 가요? —	Excuse me, how do I get to the pharmacy from here?
Junho	직진하세요. 그리고 오른쪽으로 가세요. —	Go straight. Then turn right.
Hana	길 건너에 있어요? —	Is it across the street?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 길 건너에 있어요. 오 분 걸려요. —	Yes, it's across the street. It takes five minutes.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
여기서 + 어떻게 + 가요 yeogiseo + eotteoke + gayo	from here + how + (do I) go	여기서 means from here. 어떻게 means how. 가요 means go. Together — from here, how do I go.
여기 + 에서 → 여기서 yeogi + eseo → yeogiseo	here + from (location) → from here	좋은 질문이에요. 여기 is here. To say from here, the location, we add 에서. And in speech, 에서 shrinks down to 서.
여기서 yeogiseo	from here	Important — there is no standalone particle 서. The real particle is 에서. It just contracts to 서 here. Don't learn a fake 서.
에서 eseo	from / at (a place)	Got it — so 에서 is the from-a-place particle, and 여기서 is just the squished, casual version. One less thing to type.
직진 jikjin	go straight ahead	이제 방향을 배워요. Now let's learn the directions. The first one is 직진 — go straight.
직진하세요 jikjinhaseyo	please go straight	직진하세요 means please go straight. You'll hear it from drivers, from strangers, from your phone's map.
왼쪽 / 오른쪽 oenjjok / oreunjjok	left side / right side	다음은 left and right. 왼쪽 is left side, 오른쪽 is right side. 쪽 means side.
왼쪽으로 가세요 oenjjogeuro gaseyo	go to the left	To turn, add 으로 — meaning toward. 왼쪽으로 means to the left, 오른쪽으로 means to the right.



Grammar / Structure Notes

여기서 어떻게 가요?

여기서 어떻게 가요? — How do I get there from here?

your go-to opener for directions

여기서 + 어떻게 + 가요

여기서 + 어떻게 + 가요 — from here + how + (do I) go

여기서 means from here. 어떻게 means how. 가요 means go. Together — from here, how do I go.

여기 + 에서 → 여기서

여기 + 에서 → 여기서 — here + from (location) → from here

에서 contracts to 서 after 여기/거기/저기

여기서

여기 + 에서 — from here

Important — there is no standalone particle 서. The real particle is 에서. It just contracts to 서 here. Don't learn a fake 서.

에서

에서 — from / at (a place)

여기서 = 여기 + 에서

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
직진하세요	jikjinhaseyo
왼쪽으로 가세요	oenjjogeuro gaseyo
얼마나 걸려요?	eolmana geollyeoyo?
저기요, 여기서 어떻게 가요?	jeogiyo, yeogiseo eotteoke gayo?
여기서	yeogiseo
직진하세요, 그리고 왼쪽으로 가세요.	jikjinhaseyo, geurigo oenjjogeuro gaseyo.
그리고	geurigo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 여기서 어떻게 가요 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
몇 호선이에요 Subways, Buses, and Transfers	B2 Conversation: compare 몇 호선이에요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-DIR-001
안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 Greetings and Goodbyes	A1 Conversation: compare 안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-001
이거 주세요 Asking for This One	A1 Conversation: compare 이거 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-001
제 이름은 / 만나서 반갑습니다 Introducing Yourself in Korean	A1 Conversation: compare 제 이름은 / 만나서 반갑습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-INT-001

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