



Korean Ladder Study Note

# 안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요

## Greetings and Goodbyes

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Greetings & Basics	안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 Greetings and Goodbyes

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### Core Idea

Okay, here's my real problem. In English, goodbye is just goodbye. But people told me Korean has two different goodbyes, and I keep mixing them up.

Same. I said one of them while walking out of a shop, and the owner kind of smiled. I think I told myself goodbye instead of telling her.

좋아요. That mix-up is the whole lesson. The good news, there is one simple rule, and after today it just clicks.

First, the easy one. Hello is 안녕하세요. 안녕하세요는 인사예요. In English, it's the everyday polite hello — morning, noon, or night.

### Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	감사합니다. 안녕히 계세요. —	Thank you. Goodbye (stay well).



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 안녕히 가세요. —	Yes, goodbye (go well).
Junho	안녕히 계세요. —	(leaver → stayer)
Hana	안녕히 가세요. —	(stayer → leaver)
Junho	안녕히 가세요. —	Go well.
Hana	네, 안녕히 가세요. —	Yes, go well.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
계세요 / 가세요 gyeseyo / gaseyo	stay / go	좋아요. That mix-up is the whole lesson. The good news, there is one simple rule, and after today it just clicks.
안녕하세요 annyeonghaseyo	Hello (polite)	First, the easy one. Hello is 안녕하세요. 안녕하세요는 인사예요. In English, it's the everyday polite hello — morning, noon, or night.
안녕 annyeong	peace, well-being	Oh, so hello and goodbye both start with 안녕. The peace word is hiding inside all of them.
안녕히 계세요 annyeonghi gyeseyo	Goodbye (to the one staying)	정확해요. Now the two goodbyes. 안녕히 계세요는 머무는 사람에게 해요. In English, you say it to the person who stays.
안녕히 가세요 annyeonghi gaseyo	Goodbye (to the one leaving)	And the other one. 안녕히 가세요는 떠나는 사람에게 해요. You say it to the person who goes.
계세요 = 머물러요 / 가세요 = 떠나요 gyeseyo / gaseyo	stay / leave	Wait, so it's not about me at all. It's about what the other person is doing — staying or leaving.
계세요 ↔ 가세요 gyeseyo / gaseyo	stay ↔ go	So the two of us say different lines to each other at the same moment. One stays, one goes.
둘 다 떠나요 → 안녕히 가세요 annyeonghi gaseyo	Both leaving → both say 'go well.'	There is also the easy case. If both people leave together, both just say 안녕히 가세요 to each other. Nobody is staying.



# Grammar / Structure Notes

## 계세요 / 가세요

계세요 / 가세요 — stay / go

Goodbye depends on who is leaving.

## 안녕하세요

안녕하세요 — Hello (polite)

Works any time of day.

## 안녕하세요

안녕 + 하세요 — Hello / Are you well?

Let me break it open. 안녕 means peace, well-being. So 안녕하세요 is really, are you at peace, are you well.

## 안녕

안녕 — peace, well-being

The root of hello AND goodbye.

## 안녕히 계세요

안녕히 계세요 — Goodbye (to the one staying)

계세요 = please stay (well).

# Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
안녕히 계세요	gage-eseo nagal ttae
안녕하세요	annyeonghaseyo
안녕히 가세요	annyeonghi gaseyo

# Self-Check

- 1 Say 안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 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
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이거 주세요 Asking for This One	A1 Conversation: compare 이거 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-001</a>
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그 말씀도 맞지만 다른 관점도 있습니다 Disagreeing Politely	B2 Conversation: compare 그 말씀도 맞지만 다른 관점도 있습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-SML-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-SML-001</a>

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