



Korean Ladder Study Note

안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자

Saying Good Night in Korean

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Greetings & Basics	안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자 Saying Good Night in Korean

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-007>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jkk46S3zkEQ>

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Core Idea

Okay, real problem. I can say 안녕하세요, 안녕히 가세요, and even 오랜만이에요. But at bedtime I freeze. Do I just say goodbye again?

좋은 질문이에요. In English, that gap is real. Korean has special night parting phrases, not just the daytime goodbye.

Today's pattern is simple. Polite night goodbye is 안녕히 주무세요. Casual night goodbye is 잘 자.

Why it matters: if someone is going to sleep, 가세요 can sound wrong. You want the sleep word, not the go word.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 정말 피곤해요. —	I'm really tired today.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 이제 자요. 안녕히 주무세요. —	Yeah, let's sleep now. Please sleep well.
Hana	준호도요. 좋은 꿈 꾸요. 내일 봐요. —	You too, Junho. Sweet dreams. See you tomorrow.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자 annyeonghi jumuseyo / jal ja	Please sleep well / Sleep well	Today's pattern is simple. Polite night goodbye is 안녕히 주무세요. Casual night goodbye is 잘 자.
주무세요 ≠ 가세요 jumuseyo ≠ gaseyo	sleep well ≠ go well	Why it matters: if someone is going to sleep, 가세요 can sound wrong. You want the sleep word, not the go word.
안녕히 주무세요 annyeonghi jumuseyo	Please sleep well / Good night (polite)	Listen to the polite one first. 안녕히 주무세요. In English, please sleep well, or good night to someone you respect.
주무세요 jumuseyo	please sleep (honorific)	So 주무세요 is sleep, but the polite sleep form. Not 자다, the basic verb.
잘 자 jal ja	Sleep well / Night (casual)	Now the casual one. With a close friend or a sibling, we often say 잘 자.
잘 자요 jal jayo	Sleep well (polite-casual)	Wait. Is 잘 자요 also okay? That feels softer than bare 잘 자.
잘 자 · 잘 자요 · 안녕히 주무세요 jal ja · jal jayo · annyeonghi jumuseyo	casual · soft-casual · respectful	네. 잘 자요 is friendly and a little softer. Still, for elders, keep 안녕히 주무세요.
자다 + 관계 jada + gwangye	sleep + relationship	So the frame is this. Night parting asks two questions: Are they going to sleep? And how close is the relationship?



Grammar / Structure Notes

안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자

안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자 — Please sleep well / Sleep well

polite night parting vs casual night parting

주무세요 ≠ 가세요

주무세요 ≠ 가세요 — sleep well ≠ go well

night sleep vs leaving a place

안녕히 주무세요

안녕히 주무세요 — Please sleep well / Good night (polite)

for elders, teachers, hosts, and polite situations

안녕히 주무세요

안녕히 + 주무세요 — Please sleep well.

Let's unpack the pieces. 안녕히 means peacefully or well, and 주무세요 is the honorific way to say please sleep.

주무세요

주무세요 — please sleep (honorific)

honorific partner of 자다

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
안녕히 주무세요	annyeonghi jumuseyo
잘 자	jal ja

Self-Check

- 1 Say 안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자 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
실례합니다 / 잠깐만요 Excusing Yourself and Getting Past People	A1 Conversation: compare 실례합니다 / 잠깐만요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-004
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
오랜만이에요 / 잘 지냈어요 Greeting Someone After a Long Time	A1 Conversation: compare 오랜만이에요 / 잘 지냈어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-002
잘 가요 / 조심히 가세요 Seeing Someone Off Warmly	A1 Conversation: compare 잘 가요 / 조심히 가세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-003

My Notes

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