



Korean Ladder Study Note

어서 와요 / 들어오세요

Welcoming Someone Into Your Home

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A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Greetings & Basics	어서 와요 / 들어오세요 Welcoming Someone Into Your Home

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-018>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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Core Idea

Okay, true story. I had a Korean friend over, I opened the door, said hello... and then I just stood there. What do Koreans actually say at the door?

좋은 질문이에요. 한국에서는 문 앞에서 두 가지를 말해요. In Korea, the host says two things at the door: welcome, and please come in.

오늘의 핵심 표현은 두 가지예요. 어서 와요. 그리고 들어오세요. Today's two key expressions: welcome, and please come in.

이 두 표현은 정말 자주 써요. You'll hear them at almost every Korean front door, with friends, family, and guests.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨, 어서 와요. 들어오세요. —	Junho, welcome. Please come in.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 실례합니다. —	Okay. Excuse me (for coming in).
Hana	편하게 계세요. —	Make yourself at home.
Junho	고마워요. 집이 정말 예뻐요. —	Thanks. Your place is really pretty.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
어서 eoseo	come on, quickly	Okay, let me reason this out. The first word means something like 'quickly'? Why would a host tell a guest to hurry?
오다 ↔ 가다 oda ↔ gada	come (toward the speaker) ↔ go (away from the speaker)	오다는 나 쪽으로 오는 거고, 가다는 나한테서 멀어지는 거예요. 오다 moves toward me. 가다 moves away from me.
어서 와요 eoseo wayo	Welcoming Someone Into Your Home	이제 따라 해 보세요. 어서 와요. Say it with me, nice and warm. 어서 와요.
들어오세요 deureooseyo	Welcoming Someone Into Your Home	One breath. Got it. Now the long one. The second phrase always trips me up.
들어오세요 ✓ / 들어가세요 ✗ deureooseyo / deureogaseyo	come in (toward me) / go in (away from me)	들어가세요는 나한테서 멀어지는 말이에요. 손님을 맞을 때는 들어오세요예요. When you welcome someone, it's 들어오세요. Come in, toward me.
조심히 들어가세요 josimhi deureogaseyo	Get home safely. (said to someone leaving)	헤어질 때는 조심히 들어가세요라고 많이 해요. People also say it when someone leaves, often as 조심히 들어가세요, 'get home safely.' So it's a goodbye phrase, not a welcome.



Grammar / Structure Notes

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어서 와요.

어서 + 와 + 요. — Welcome. (lit. Come on, come.)

먼저, 어서 와요. 어서는 '어서, 빨리'라는 느낌이에요. In English, 어서 is like 'come on,' and 와요 means 'come.' Together, it means welcome.

들어오세요.

들어 + 오 + 세요. — Please come in.

그리고 들어오세요. 들어오다에 세요가 붙었어요. It's 들어오다, 'to come in,' plus 세요, a polite, respectful request. Please come in.

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그래서 문을 열고 이렇게 말해요. 어서 와요. 들어오세요. Welcome. Please come in.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
어서와요	eoseo wayo
드러오세요	deureooseyo
어서와. 드러와.	eoseo wa. deureowa.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 어서 와요 / 들어오세요 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
괜찮아요 / 괜찮으세요 Saying 'It's Okay' and Checking If Someone Is	A1 Conversation: compare 괜찮아요 / 괜찮으세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-006
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
안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자 Saying Good Night in Korean	A1 Conversation: compare 안녕히 주무세요 / 잘 자 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-007

My Notes

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