



Korean Ladder Study Note

물 좀 주세요 / 계산해 주세요

Your First Words Inside a Korean Restaurant

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Restaurant & Cafe	물 좀 주세요 / 계산해 주세요 Your First Words Inside a Korean Restaurant

Study Links

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk — I sit down, the food looks amazing, and I completely freeze. How do I even get the server to come over?

많은 분들이 그래요 — a lot of people freeze right there. 걱정 마세요. 딱 한마디면 돼요.

그 한마디는 저기요예요. 저기요 means 'excuse me' — you say it to call the server over. Not to apologize, just to get their attention.

좋아요. 이제 주세요. 주세요 means 'please give me.' 무엇이든 앞에 붙이면 돼요 — put a thing in front, and you are ordering.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	저기요, 메뉴판 좀 주세요. —	Excuse me, the menu please.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 여기 있어요. —	Sure, here you go.
Junho	이거 주세요. 그리고 물 좀 주세요. —	This one, please. And some water.
Hana	네, 알겠습니다. —	Okay, got it.
Junho	저기요, 계산해 주세요. —	Excuse me, the check please.
Hana	네, 만 오천 원이에요. —	Sure, that's 15,000 won.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
저기요 jeogiyo	Excuse me — calling a server over	그 한마디는 저기요예요. 저기요 means 'excuse me' — you say it to call the server over. Not to apologize, just to get their attention.
___ 주세요 ___ juseyo	Please give me ___	좋아요. 이제 주세요. 주세요 means 'please give me.' 무엇이든 앞에 붙이면 돼요 — put a thing in front, and you are ordering.
좀 jom	a little / softener (please)	여기 작은 단어 하나, 좀. 좀 softens it — like 'a little' or 'please.' 물 주세요 is fine, but 물 좀 주세요 sounds warmer.
물 좀 주세요 mul jom juseyo	Water, please.	예문 하나. 물 좀 주세요. In English — 'Water, please.' 식당에서 제일 많이 쓰는 말이에요.
이거 igeo	this (one) — short for 이것	이제 주문이에요. 메뉴를 가리키면서 이거 주세요. 이거 means 'this' — 이것을 줄인 말이에요, the short form of 이것.
이거 주세요 igeo juseyo	This one, please.	이거 주세요. In English — 'This one, please.' 메뉴를 손가락으로 가리키기만 하면 돼요.
계산해 주세요 gyesanhae juseyo	Please get the check ready.	다 먹었어요. 이제 계산이에요. 계산해 주세요. In English — 'Please get the check ready.' 계산 means 'the bill,' 계산해 주세요 asks them to ring it up.
계산서 주세요 gyesanseo juseyo	The bill, please	So if I just want them to bring the paper bill, I can also say 계산서 주세요 — 'the bill, please?'



Grammar / Structure Notes

저기요

저기요 — Excuse me — calling a server over

Say it toward the staff with a warm, raised voice.

___ 주세요

___ 주세요 — Please give me ___

Noun + 주세요 = your all-purpose order line.

좀

좀 — a little / softener (please)

Optional, but makes a request polite and natural.

물 좀 주세요

물 + 좀 + 주세요 — Water, please.

예문 하나. 물 좀 주세요. In English — 'Water, please.' 식당에서 제일 많이 쓰는 말이에요.

물 좀 주세요

물 좀 주세요 — Water, please — the verb comes last

Order: thing → softener → 주세요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
저기요	jeogiyo
물 좀 주세요	mul jom juseyo
이거 주세요	igeo juseyo
계산해 주세요	gyesanhae juseyo
저기요, 이거 주세요	jeogiyo, igeo juseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 물 좀 주세요 / 계산해 주세요 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
단체 예약 / 코스 / 계산은 제가 하겠습니다 Hosting a Dinner	C1 Conversation: compare 단체 예약 / 코스 / 계산은 제가 하겠습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CONV-RES-001
메뉴 추천해 주세요 Asking for Restaurant Recommendations	A2 Conversation: compare 메뉴 추천해 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-RES-001
주문한 거랑 다르게 나왔어요 Handling Order Problems at a Restaurant	B2 Conversation: compare 주문한 거랑 다르게 나왔어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-RES-001
날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 Easy Small Talk to Start and End a Chat	A1 Conversation: compare 날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-001

My Notes

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