



Korean Ladder Study Note

뜨거운 거요

Ordering Hot vs Cold

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Restaurant & Cafe	뜨거운 거요 Ordering Hot vs Cold

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-RES-006>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5regmV2FHw>

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Core Idea

Here's my real café panic question: if the staff asks something that sounds like hot or iced, do I answer with 뜨거운, 따뜻한, 차가운, or 아이스?

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean cafés, you often choose the temperature or style before the drink is made.

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오늘의 패턴은 '빈칸 거요'예요. 영어로는 "the blank one, please"라는 뜻이에요.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	아메리카노 하나 주세요. —	One Americano, please.
Junho	아메리카노 따뜻한 걸로 드릴까요, 아이스로 드릴까요? —	Would you like the Americano hot or iced?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	아이스로 주세요. —	Iced, please.
Junho	네, 알겠습니다. —	Yes, got it.
Hana	아메리카노 하나 주세요. —	One Americano, please.
Junho	아메리카노 따뜻한 걸로 드릴까요, 아이스로 드릴까요? —	Would you like the Americano hot or iced?
Hana	아이스로 주세요. —	Iced, please.
Junho	네, 알겠습니다. —	Yes, got it.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
___ 거요 ___ geoyo	the ___ one, please	오늘의 핵심은 자연스럽게 고르는 말이에요. The goal is not a full sentence. It is a quick, polite choice.
따뜻한 거요 ttatteuthan geoyo	The warm one, please.	So if I hear two choices, I can just say 따뜻한 거요?
차가운 거요 chagaun geoyo	The cold one, please.	네. And if you want the cold one, you can say 차가운 거요. It is clear when the staff already gave the choice.
아이스 aiseu	iced; ice style	카페에서는 차가운 커피를 말할 때 아이스라는 말을 정말 많이 써요. So for iced coffee, 아이스 is very natural.
아이스로 주세요 aiseuro juseyo	Iced, please. / Please give it to me iced.	For iced drinks, many Koreans say 아이스로 주세요. Literally, it is closer to “Please give it to me iced,” or naturally, “Iced, please.”
따뜻한 ttatteuthan	warm; hot in a gentle café way	좋아요. 뜨거운 is “hot,” but for drinks, 따뜻한 often sounds softer and more common in everyday ordering.
뜨거운 tteugeoun	hot; physically hot	뜨거운 is not wrong. It just sounds more like physically hot, maybe hot enough to burn. 따뜻한 is often friendlier for a regular hot drink.



Word	Meaning	Example
따뜻한 걸로 주세요 ttatteuthan geollo juseyo	I'll take the warm one, please.	So for a normal hot latte, 따뜻한 걸로 주세요 is smoother than 뜨거운 걸로 주세요?



Grammar / Structure Notes

___ 거요

___ 거요 — the ___ one, please

Short answer when the choice is already clear

___ 거요

___ 거요 — the ___ one, please

빈칸에 따뜻한, 차가운, 큰, 작은 같은 말을 넣어요

따뜻한 거요

따뜻한 + 거 + 요 — The warm one, please.

So if I hear two choices, I can just say 따뜻한 거요?

따뜻한 거요

따뜻한 + 거 + 요 — The warm one, please.

맞아요. 따뜻한 거요 means “the warm one, please.” 거 means “thing” or “one,” and 요 makes it polite enough for a short answer.

따뜻한 걸로 드릴까요? 차가운 걸로 드릴까요?

따뜻한 + 걸 + 로 + 드릴까요? + 차가운 + 걸 + 로 + 드릴까요? — Would you like the warm one or the cold one?

직원이 “따뜻한 걸로 드릴까요, 차가운 걸로 드릴까요?”라고 물으면, 하나만 골라서 대답하면 돼요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
따뜻한 걸로 주세요	ttatteuthan geollo juseyo
아이스로 주세요	aiseuro juseyo
따뜻한 거요	ttatteuthan geoyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 뜨거운 거요 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
메뉴판 좀 주세요 / 뭐가 맛있어요 Asking for the Menu and Recommendations	A1 Conversation: compare 메뉴판 좀 주세요 / 뭐가 맛있어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-RES-002
물 좀 주세요 / 계산해 주세요 Your First Words Inside a Korean Restaurant	A1 Conversation: compare 물 좀 주세요 / 계산해 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-RES-001
아이스 아메리카노 한 잔이요 Ordering a Drink at a Korean Café	A1 Conversation: compare 아이스 아메리카노 한 잔이요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-RES-005
이거 매워요 Asking Whether Food Is Spicy Before You Order	A1 Conversation: compare 이거 매워요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-RES-004

My Notes

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