



Korean Ladder Study Note

얼마예요

Asking the Price and Getting a Bag

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Shopping	얼마예요 Asking the Price and Getting a Bag

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4xNz35FWBc>

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Core Idea

Here is my problem. I can pick up a drink in a Korean store, but then I freeze at the register. How do I ask the price without sounding rude?

The first sentence is very short: 얼마예요? It means, how much is it?

오늘의 첫 번째 패턴은 얼마예요? In English, this is your polite price question. Use it when the item is clear.

So I can point to the water and say 이거 얼마예요? That is this, how much is it?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이거 얼마예요? —	How much is this?
Junho	천오백 원이에요. —	It is 1,500 won.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	봉투 주세요. —	A bag, please.
Junho	네, 여기 있어요. —	Sure, here you go.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
얼마예요 eolmayeyo	how much is it	얼마 means how much, and 예요 makes the question polite and complete. Together: 얼마예요.
이거 igeo	this thing / this one	If you point to the item, you can add 이거. 이거 means this thing, or this one.
천원 cheon won	1,000 won	Now listen for the answer. Korean prices use 원, the Korean won. 천원 means one thousand won.
이천원 icheon won	2,000 won	이천원 means two thousand won. 이 is two, 천 is thousand, and 원 is won.
삼천 원 samcheon won	3,000 won	Exactly. If you hear 삼천 원, you know it is three thousand won. Catch the number, then catch 원.
봉투 주세요 bongtu juseyo	A bag, please.	Now the second shopping phrase: 봉투 주세요. 봉투 is a bag, and 주세요 means please give me.
주세요 juseyo	please give me	주세요 is the useful request word. It comes after the thing you want.
봉투주세요 bongtu juseyo	please give me a bag	So the pattern is item plus 주세요. For a bag, 봉투 주세요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

얼마예요?

얼마예요? — How much is it?

polite everyday price question

얼마예요

얼마 + 예요 — how much is it

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이거

이거 — this thing / this one

If you point to the item, you can add 이거. 이거 means this thing, or this one.

이거 얼마예요?

이거 얼마예요? — How much is this?

이거 + 얼마예요

이거 얼마예요?

이거 얼마예요? — How much is this?

point to the item and ask

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
이거 얼마예요?	igeo eolmayeyo?
얼마예요?	eolmayeyo?
봉투 주세요	bongtu juseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 얼마예요 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
이거 주세요 Asking for This One	A1 Conversation: compare 이거 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-001
입어 봐도 돼요 Trying Clothes On	A2 Conversation: compare 입어 봐도 돼요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-SHP-002
좀 깎아 주세요 / 더 주세요 Bargaining and Asking for Extra at a Market	A2 Conversation: compare 좀 깎아 주세요 / 더 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-SHP-001
환불하고 싶어요 / 교환 가능해요 Returns, Exchanges, and Refunds	B1 Conversation: compare 환불하고 싶어요 / 교환 가능해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CONV-SHP-001

My Notes

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