



Korean Ladder Study Note

시식해도 돼요

Asking for Samples and Taste Tests

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Shopping	시식해도 돼요 Asking for Samples and Taste Tests

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Here's my real shopping panic. If I want to try food or ask for a tiny sample, do I just say 주세요?

Good question. In Korean, you usually ask permission for tasting, and you ask softly for a sample.

오늘은 가게에서 부담 없이 물어볼 수 있는 표현을 배워요. In English, we are learning phrases you can use to ask comfortably in a store.

The polite A1 pattern you need is verb stem plus the ending 아도/어도 돼요. It means, is it okay if I do this?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이거 써 봐도 돼요? —	May I try using this?
Junho	네, 여기 있습니다. —	Yes, here it is.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	샘플을 받을 수 있을까요? —	Could I get a sample?
Junho	네, 샘플 여기 있어요. —	Yes, the sample is here.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
자연스러운 예문 jayeonseureoun yemun	Natural examples	먼저 자연스러운 예문을 들어 볼게요. First, listen to natural examples.
공짜 X · 샘플 O · 시식 O gongjja X · saempeul O · sisik O	Not just free · use sample or tasting	가게에서는 샘플이나 시식이라는 말을 쓰면 더 자연스러워요. In English, use sample or taste test instead of just free.



Grammar / Structure Notes

시식해도 돼요?

시식해도 돼요? — May I taste it?

Food taste test

동사 어간 + 아도/어도 돼요?

동사 어간 + 아도/어도 돼요? — Is it okay if I... ?

Ask permission politely

시식해도 돼요?

시식 + 해도 + 돼요? — May I taste it?

So 시식해도 돼요? is like, is it okay if I taste it?

시식해도 돼요?

시식 + 해도 + 돼요? — May I taste it?

맞아요. 시식은 food tasting이에요. 시식해도 돼요는 May I taste it, or Is it okay to taste it.

샘플 주세요.

샘플 주세요. — Please give me a sample.

Short and useful

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
시식 가능할까요?	sisik ganeunghalkkayo?
시식해도 돼요?	sisikhaedo dwaeyo?
샘플을 받을 수 있을까요?	saempeureul badeul su isseulkkayo?

Self-Check

- 1 Say 시식해도 돼요 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
세일해요 Asking About Sales and Discounts	A1 Conversation: compare 세일해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-004
얼마예요 Asking the Price and Getting a Bag	A1 Conversation: compare 얼마예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-002
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
카드로 할게요 / 현금이요 Paying by Card or Cash at the Counter	A1 Conversation: compare 카드로 할게요 / 현금이요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-003

My Notes

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