



Korean Ladder Study Note

포장 줄여 주세요 / 에코백 있어요

Asking for Less Packaging at Checkout

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Shopping	포장 줄여 주세요 / 에코백 있어요 Asking for Less Packaging at Checkout

Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9RD2Y-7WWg>

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Core Idea

At a café, I want less waste, but I do not want to sound demanding. How do I say, “Please use less packaging”?

그럴 때 포장은 줄여 주세요라고 말하면 돼요. It means, “Please reduce the packaging.” It is short, clear, and polite.

오늘의 핵심 패턴은 명사 다음에 붙는 은 또는 는, 그리고 줄여 주세요예요. You can name what you want changed, then make a polite request.

The particles 은 and 는 are topic markers. They attach after a noun. Here, 포장은 means “as for the packaging.” The request uses the ending 아/어 주세요, which politely means “please do it.”

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	포장은 줄여 주세요. —	Please reduce the packaging.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네. 일회용 수저는 넣어 드릴까요? —	Sure. Shall I include disposable utensils?
Hana	수저는 빼 주세요. —	Please leave out the utensils.
Hana	에코백에 담아 주세요. —	Please put it in the reusable bag.
Junho	네, 에코백에 담아 드릴게요. —	Sure, I'll put it in the reusable bag.
Hana	포장은 줄여 주세요. —	Please reduce the packaging.
Junho	네. 일회용 수저는 넣어 드릴까요? —	Sure. Shall I include disposable utensils?
Hana	수저는 빼 주세요. —	Please leave out the utensils.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
포장은 줄여 주세요 pojang-eun juryeo juseyo	Please reduce the packaging.	오늘의 핵심 패턴은 명사 다음에 붙는 은 또는 는, 그리고 줄여 주세요예요. You can name what you want changed, then make a polite request.
명사 + 은/는 + 아/어 주세요 myeongsa + eun/neun + a/eo juseyo	Noun + topic particle + please do it	The particles 은 and 는 are topic markers. They attach after a noun. Here, 포장은 means “as for the packaging.” The request uses the ending 아/어 주세요, which politely means “please do it.”
일회용 수저는 빼 주세요 ilhoeyong sujeoneun ppae juseyo	Please leave out the disposable utensils.	For disposable utensils, say 일회용 수저는 빼 주세요. In English, “Please leave out the disposable utensils.”
수저는 빼 주세요 sujoneun ppae juseyo	Please leave out the utensils.	So I can put the thing I do not want first, then say 빼 주세요. That feels very useful at a checkout.
에코백에 담아 주세요 ekobaeg-e dama juseyo	Please put it in the reusable bag.	맞아요. If you brought your own reusable bag, say 에코백에 담아 주세요. That means, “Please put it in the reusable bag.”
빨대는 빼 주세요 ppaldaeneun ppae juseyo	Please leave out the straw.	At a café, you can also say 빨대는 빼 주세요. That means, “Please leave out the straw.”



Word	Meaning	Example
빼 주세요 / 줄여 주세요 ppae juseyo / juryeo juseyo	Please leave it out. Please reduce it.	You now have one flexible request shape. Name the item, then use 빼 주세요 for “leave it out,” or 줄여 주세요 for “reduce it.”
봉투는 괜찮아요 bongtuneun gwaenchanayo	I don’t need a store bag, thanks.	If a cashier offers you a store bag, you can answer 봉투는 괜찮아요. In this context, it politely means, “I don’t need a bag, thanks.”



Grammar / Structure Notes

포장은 줄여 주세요

포장은 줄여 주세요 — Please reduce the packaging.

포장 = packaging

명사 + 은/는 + 아/어 주세요

명사 + 은/는 + 아/어 주세요 — Noun + topic particle + please do it

은 comes after a consonant. 는 comes after a vowel.

포장은 줄여 주세요

포장 + 은 + 줄여 + 주세요 — Please reduce the packaging.

Listen once: 포장은 줄여 주세요. The topic is packaging, and the request is to reduce it.

일회용 수저는 빼 주세요

일회용 수저 + 는 + 빼 + 주세요 — Please leave out the disposable utensils.

For disposable utensils, say 일회용 수저는 빼 주세요. In English, "Please leave out the disposable utensils."

수저는 빼 주세요

수저는 빼 주세요 — Please leave out the utensils.

빼 주세요 = please leave it out

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
에코배기싸요?	ekobaeg isseoyo?
포장은 줄여 주세요	pojang-eun juryeo juseyo
줄여 주세요	juryeo juseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 포장 줄여 주세요 / 에코백 있어요 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
그냥 구경할게요 / 생각해 볼게요 Browsing Without Buying	A1 Conversation: compare 그냥 구경할게요 / 생각해 볼게요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-007
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
시식해도 돼요 Asking for Samples and Taste Tests	A1 Conversation: compare 시식해도 돼요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SHP-006
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

My Notes

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