



Korean Ladder Study Note

시식은 괜찮아요

Declining Free Samples Politely

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Shopping	시식은 괜찮아요 Declining Free Samples Politely

Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

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Core Idea

Someone offers me a bite in a store. I don't want it, but saying no feels a little harsh. What can I say?

아니요, 괜찮아요. 감사합니다. That means, no, I'm fine, thank you. It's a useful way to decline an offer politely.

Wait, I thought 괜찮아요 meant it's okay. Couldn't that sound like I'm accepting?

오늘은 정중하게 거절하는 말을 연습해요. Today we're practicing polite refusals. Start with 아니요 to make your no clear, then soften it with 괜찮아요.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	시식해 보세요. —	Try a taste.
Hana	아니요, 시식은 괜찮아요. 감사합니다. —	No thanks, I'll pass on the tasting. Thank you.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 알겠습니다. —	Okay, understood.
Hana	샘플 드릴까요? —	Would you like a sample?
Junho	아니요, 괜찮아요. 감사합니다. —	No, I'm fine. Thank you.
Hana	네, 알겠습니다. —	Okay, understood.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
시식 sisik	Food tasting	시식은 음식을 조금 먹어 보는 거예요. 시식 means trying a small taste of food, like a free taste at a supermarket.
샘플 saempeul	Sample	샘플은 작은 체험용 제품이에요. A 샘플 is a small product sample, such as a little packet of face cream.
괜찮아요 —	It's okay. I'm fine.	괜찮아요 means it's okay or I'm fine. Its dictionary form, 괜찮다, is a Korean adjective, a describing word. Here we use its polite form.
괜찮아 → 괜찮아요 —	Declining Free Samples Politely	아니요, 괜찮아.



Grammar / Structure Notes

아니요, 괜찮아요. 감사합니다.

아니요, 괜찮아요. 감사합니다. — No, I'm fine. Thank you.

A clear, polite refusal of an offer.

아니요, 괜찮아요.

아니요, 괜찮아요. — No, I'm fine.

Clear no + gentle refusal.

시식

시식 — Food tasting

Trying a small portion before buying.

샘플

샘플 — Sample

For example, a small trial packet of a product.

시식해 보세요.

시식해 보세요. — Try a taste.

A common invitation at a tasting counter.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
괜찮아요	Keep the final 요. It helps make this polite with store staff.
아니요, 괜찮아요.	A small pause after 아니요 keeps the refusal clear.
괜찮아 → 괜찮아요	The attempt dropped the polite ending. Restore 요 for store staff.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 시식은 괜찮아요 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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