



Korean Ladder Study Note

# 두 손으로 주세요

## Why Koreans Give and Receive with Two Hands

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Etiquette	두 손으로 주세요 Why Koreans Give and Receive with Two Hands

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### Core Idea

Okay, real talk — last week I handed my Korean coworker money with one hand, and she gave me this look. Did I do something wrong?

I've felt that too. Receiving a business card with one hand, just grabbing it — something about it feels off, but nobody explains why.

좋아요. This is a wonderful question. In Korea, HOW you give matters as much as WHAT you give. One hand can read as careless or even rude to an elder.

The rule is simple: with someone older or senior, you give and receive with two hands. 두 손으로 주고받아요.

### Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	명함 한 장 드릴게요. 두 손으로 받으세요. —	Let me give you a business card. Please take it with two hands.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	감사합니다. 잘 받았어요. —	Thank you. I've received it well.
Junho	커피도 두 손으로 드릴게요. —	I'll hand you the coffee with two hands too.
Hana	고맙습니다. 정말 정중하시네요. —	Thank you. You're very polite.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
두 손으로 주세요 du son-euro ju-se-yo	Please give with two hands.	The rule is simple: with someone older or senior, you give and receive with two hands. 두 손으로 주고받아요.
두 손으로 받으세요 du son-euro ba-deu-se-yo	Please receive with two hands.	And to receive: 두 손으로 받으세요. 받다 means 'to receive,' so 받으세요 is 'please receive.'
드릴게요 deu-ril-ge-yo	I'll give it (humble).	드리다 is the polite, humble word for 'give' — you use it when giving to someone you respect. 드릴게요 means 'I'll give it (to you).'
두 손 + 드리다 = 존중 du son + deu-ri-da = jon-jung	Two hands + humble verb = respect	So the hands AND the word both carry respect. The body language and the grammar are saying the same thing.
한 손은 손목을 받쳐요 han son-eun son-mo-geul bat-chyeo-yo	One hand supports the wrist.	Exactly. Now, what if your hands are full, or you're holding a phone? There's an easy backup.
오른손으로 주고 왼손은 받쳐요 o-reun-son-euro ju-go oen-so-neun bat-chyeo-yo	Give with the right hand; the left supports it.	맞아요. If you truly can't use both hands, give with your right hand and lightly touch your right wrist or forearm with your left. It still shows care.
받치기 = 정중한 대안 bat-chi-gi = jeong-jung-han dae-an	Wrist-support = the polite alternative	That's such a relief — so the wrist-support is the polite shortcut when two hands isn't possible.
명함 한 장 드릴게요 myeong-ham han jang deu-ril-ge-yo	I'll give you one business card.	명함 means 'business card,' and 한 장 means 'one (flat) sheet.' Notice Junho said 드릴게요 and asked me to 받으세요 — both with two hands.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 두 손으로 주세요

두 손으로 주세요 — Please give with two hands.

두 손 = two hands · -으로 = with/using

### 두 손으로 주세요

두 + 손 + 으로 + 주세요 — Please give with two hands.

두 손으로요. 두 means two, 손 means hand, and -으로 means 'with' or 'using.' In English, it's 'with two hands.'

### 두 손으로 받으세요

두 손으로 받으세요 — Please receive with two hands.

받다 → 받으세요 (please receive)

### 여기 있어요. 두 손으로 드릴게요.

여기 있어요. 두 손으로 드릴게요. — Here you go. I'll give it with two hands.

드리다 = humble 'to give' (to someone senior)

### 드릴게요

드릴게요 — I'll give it (humble).

주다 → 드리다 when the receiver is senior

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
두 손으로 드릴게요	du son-euro deu-ril-ge-yo
드릴게요	deu-ril-ge-yo
완벽해요	wan-byeo-kae-yo
감사합니다. 잘 받았어요.	gam-sa-ham-ni-da. jal ba-da-sseo-yo.
잘 받았어요	jal ba-da-sseo-yo

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 두 손으로 주세요 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
잘 먹겠습니다 What Koreans Say Before Eating	A1 Culture: compare 잘 먹겠습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-001</a>
경조사 예절 결혼식·장례식 봉투와 조의금	B2 Culture: compare 경조사 예절 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-ETQ-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-ETQ-001</a>
눈치 / 정 / 체면 The Social Concepts Behind Korean Behavior	C1 Culture: compare 눈치 / 정 / 체면 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CULTURE-ETQ-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CULTURE-ETQ-001</a>
신발 벗고 들어오세요 Shoes, Floors, and Korean Homes	A2 Culture: compare 신발 벗고 들어오세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-ETQ-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-ETQ-001</a>

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