



Korean Ladder Study Note

공공장소에서 이어폰

Keeping Phone Sound Private in Korea

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Etiquette	공공장소에서 이어폰 Keeping Phone Sound Private in Korea

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-005>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wq-HhCu8mds>

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Core Idea

Here's my real question. If I'm watching a short video in a café, is it really rude if the sound is just on my phone?

좋은 질문이에요. In English, playing sound from your phone out loud can feel like you are forcing everyone to hear your private audio.

한국의 공공장소에서는 조용히 하는 걸 중요하게 생각해요. In shared spaces, keeping things quiet is part of good manners.

오늘의 핵심 표현은 이어폰을 써 주세요예요. It means, please use earphones.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	죄송한데, 여기서는 이어폰을 써 주세요. —	Excuse me, here, please use earphones.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	아, 죄송해요. 바로 쓸게요. —	Oh, sorry. I'll use them right away.
Junho	감사합니다. —	Thank you.
Hana	네. —	Okay.
Hana	죄송한데, 소리 좀 줄여 주세요. —	Excuse me, please lower the sound a little.
Junho	아, 죄송해요. 바로 줄일게요. —	Oh, sorry. I'll lower it right away.
Hana	감사합니다. —	Thank you.
Junho	네. —	Okay.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
공공장소에서는 조용히 해요 gonggongjangso-ese oneun joyonghi haeyo	In public places, we keep quiet.	한국의 공공장소에서는 조용히 하는 걸 중요하게 생각합니다. In shared spaces, keeping things quiet is part of good manners.
이어폰을 써 주세요 ieopon-eul sseo juseyo	Please use earphones.	오늘의 핵심 표현은 이어폰을 써 주세요예요. It means, please use earphones.
이어폰 쓸게요 ieopon sseulgeyo	I'll use earphones.	네. 그리고 내가 고칠 때는 이어폰 쓸게요라고 말할 수 있어요. In English, I'll use earphones.
이어폰을 ieopon-eul	Keeping Phone Sound Private in Korea	이어폰을에서 받침 니은과 particle 을이 만나서 이어폰처럼 부드럽게 들려요. But the spelling stays 이어폰을.
도서관이라서 이어폰을 써 주세요 doseogwan-iraseo ieopon-eul sseo juseyo	Because this is a library, please use earphones.	도서관이라서 이어폰을 써 주세요. Because this is a library, please use earphones.
여기서는 이어폰을 써 주세요 yeogiseoneun ieopon-eul sseo juseyo	Here, please use earphones.	여기서는 이어폰을 써 주세요. Here, please use earphones.



Word	Meaning	Example
써 주세요 / 부탁 sseo juseyo / butak	please use it / request	써 주세요는 부탁이에요. It means please use it.
쓸게요 / 내가 할게요 sseulgeyo / naega halgeyo	I'll use it / I'll do it	쓸게요는 내가 할게요라는 뜻이에요. In English, I'll do it, or I'll use it.



Grammar / Structure Notes

공공장소에서는 조용히 해요

공공장소에서는 조용히 해요 — In public places, we keep quiet.

공공장소 = public place

이어폰을 써 주세요

이어폰을 써 주세요 — Please use earphones.

A polite request, not an angry command

이어폰을 써 주세요

이어폰을 써 주세요 — Please use earphones.

Listen for 써 주세요

이어폰 쓸게요

이어폰 쓸게요 — I'll use earphones.

A quick, polite repair

이어폰을 써 주세요

이어폰 + 을 + 써 + 주세요 — Please use it.

먼저 들어 보세요. 이어폰을 써 주세요. Please use it, meaning please use the earphones.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
이어폰을 써 주세요	ieopon-eul sseo juseyo
이어폰을	ieopon-eul
써 주세요	ieopon-eul sseo juseyo
죄송해요. 이어폰 쓸게요.	joesonghaeyo. ieopon sseulgeyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 공공장소에서 이어폰 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
고개 숙여 인사 How Koreans Bow and Greet Elders	A1 Culture: compare 고개 숙여 인사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-003
내릴게요 / 타는 사람은 잠깐만요 Getting On and Off Buses and Subways Politely	A1 Culture: compare 내릴게요 / 타는 사람은 잠깐만요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-004
두 손으로 주세요 Why Koreans Give and Receive with Two Hands	A1 Culture: compare 두 손으로 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-002
잘 먹겠습니다 What Koreans Say Before Eating	A1 Culture: compare 잘 먹겠습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-001

My Notes

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