



Korean Ladder Study Note

우산 물기 털고 접기

Rainy-Day Doorway and Elevator Manners

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Etiquette	우산 물기 털고 접기 Rainy-Day Doorway and Elevator Manners

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-009>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. If I walk into a café in Korea with a dripping umbrella, is that rude, or just... rainy?

좋은 질문이에요. 한국에서는 문 앞에서 우산 물기를 털고, 우산을 접고 들어가면 훨씬 자연스러워요.

It is not about being formal. It is about not making the floor slippery and not dripping water on other people's clothes or bags.

So the Korean idea is not just "close it." It is 우산 물기를 털다 first, then 접다?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	비 많이 오네요. —	It's raining a lot.
Junho	네, 우산 물기 좀 털고 들어갈게요. —	Yes, I'll just shake off the umbrella water and go in.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	좋아요. 바닥이 미끄러워요. —	Good. The floor is slippery.
Junho	엘리베이터 탈 때는 우산 접고 탈게요. —	When I get in the elevator, I'll fold the umbrella first.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
A하고 B할게요 A-hago B-halgeyo	I'll do A and then B.	The pattern is action one plus 고, then action two. 털고 들어갈게요 means "I'll shake it off and go in."
우산 물기 usan mulgi	umbrella water / moisture on an umbrella	물기는 "water on something," or "moisture." 우산 물기 means the water on the umbrella.
물기를 털다 mulgi-reul teolda	to shake off the water	털다는 to shake off or brush off. So 물기를 털다 means to shake off the water.
우산을 접다 usan-eul jeopda	to fold up the umbrella	접다는 to fold or close. 우산을 접다 means to fold up the umbrella.
우산 / 물기를 / 털고 / 들어갈게요 usan / mulgi-reul / teol-go / deureogalgeyo	Rainy-Day Doorway and Elevator Manners	좋아요. The rhythm is 우산, 물기를, 털고, 들어갈게요. Don't over-stress every syllable.
좀 jom	a little; just; a softener	좀 is very useful in polite everyday Korean. It can make your action sound considerate and not too abrupt.
엘리베이터를 타다 ellibiteo-reul tada	to take / get in the elevator	타다는 to ride or get on. 엘리베이터를 타다 means to get in or ride the elevator.
-(으)르게요 -(eu)l-geyo	I'll do it / I'm going to do it	Let's unpack the polite ending 할게요. It means "I'll do it," often with a sense of telling others your next action.



Grammar / Structure Notes

우산 물기를 털고 들어갈게요.

우산 물기를 털고 들어갈게요. — I'll shake off the umbrella water and go in.

Use it when you pause before entering a shared indoor space.

A하고 B할게요

A하고 B할게요 — I'll do A and then B.

Here, 털고 들어갈게요 = shake off and go in.

우산 물기

우산 + 물기 — umbrella water / moisture on an umbrella

물기는 “water on something,” or “moisture.” 우산 물기 means the water on the umbrella.

물기를 털다

물기 + 를 + 털다 — to shake off the water

털다는 to shake off or brush off. So 물기를 털다 means to shake off the water.

우산을 접다

우산 + 을 + 접다 — to fold up the umbrella

접다는 to fold or close. 우산을 접다 means to fold up the umbrella.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
우산 물기를 털고 들어갈게요.	usan mulgi-reul teol-go deureogalgeyo.
우산 / 물기를 / 털고 / 들어갈게요	usan / mulgi-reul / teol-go / deureogalgeyo
우산 물기 좀 털고 들어갈게요.	usan mulgi jom teol-go deureogalgeyo.
털고 들어갈게요	teol-go deureogalgeyo
우산 접고 탈게요.	usan jeop-go talgeyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 우산 물기 털고 접기 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
공공장소에서 목소리 낮추기 Keeping Your Voice Down in Shared Spaces	A1 Culture: compare 공공장소에서 목소리 낮추기 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-006
공공장소에서 이어폰 Keeping Phone Sound Private in Korea	A1 Culture: compare 공공장소에서 이어폰 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-005
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

My Notes

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