



Korean Ladder Study Note

테이크아웃 컵은 어디에 버려요

카페 컵 반납과 분리수거

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Etiquette	테이크아웃 컵은 어디에 버려요 카페 컵 반납과 분리수거

Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWrN-FMUTXY>

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Core Idea

I finished my drink, but there are several bins. Do I throw away the cup, lid, straw, and sleeve together?

상황에 따라 달라요. It depends on the café and the materials, so do not guess from the bin color alone.

먼저 남은 음료를 비웁니다. First, empty any drink or ice into the proper liquid-waste container.

Then I need a polite way to ask where each item goes.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저기요, 이 컵은 어디에 버리면 돼요? —	Excuse me, where should I throw away this cup?
Junho	남은 음료는 여기 비우고, 뚜껑이랑 빨대는 따로 버려 주세요. —	Empty the remaining drink here, and please discard the lid and straw separately.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	컵홀더도 따로 버려요? —	Do I throw away the cup sleeve separately too?
Junho	네, 컵홀더는 종이 쪽에 버려 주세요. —	Yes, please put the cup sleeve with the paper.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
받침 있음: 은 · 받침 없음: 는 —	After a final consonant: 은 · After a vowel: 는	은과 는은 주제를 표시해요. In English, think “as for this item.” Use 은 after a consonant and 는 after a vowel.
어디에 eodie	where, to what place	어디에는 목적지를 물어요. Here, 어디에 means “where” as the destination of the action.
버리다 → 버려요 beorida → beoryeoyo	to throw away → throw away, polite	버려요는 버리다의 공손한 해요체예요. 버리다 means “to throw away,” and 버려요 is the everyday polite form.
컵 + 은 = 컵은 keop + eun = keobeun	as for the cup	맞아요. 컵은 ends with a consonant sound, so it takes 은: 컵은.
빨대 + 는 = 빨대는 ppaldae + neun = ppaldaeneun	as for the straw	빨대는 ends with a vowel sound, so it takes 는: 빨대는.
버리어요 → 버려요 beorieoyo → beoryeoyo	카페 컵 반납과 분리수거	좋습니다. In 버려요, 버리어요 contracts naturally to 버려요. Do not separate it into two heavy beats.
버려요 beoryeoyo	카페 컵 반납과 분리수거	버려요. 이 컵은 어디에 버려요?



Grammar / Structure Notes

남은 음료를 먼저 비웁요.

남은 음료를 먼저 비웁요. — Empty the remaining drink first.

Remove leftover liquid and ice before sorting the cup.

___은/는 어디에 버려요?

___은/는 어디에 버려요? — Where do I throw away ___?

Use 은 or 는 to make the item the topic.

받침 있음: 은 · 받침 없음: 는

받침 있음: 은 · 받침 없음: 는 — After a final consonant: 은 · After a vowel: 는

컵 ends in a consonant, so use 컵은.

어디에

어디에 — where, to what place

에 marks the destination.

버리다 → 버려요

버리다 → 버려요 — to throw away → throw away, polite

버려요는 버리다의 공손한 해요체예요. 버리다 means “to throw away,” and 버려요 is the everyday polite form.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
이 컵은 어디에 버리면 돼요?	i keobeun eodie beorimyeon dwaeyo?
버려요	beorieoyo → beoryeoyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 테이크아웃 컵은 어디에 버려요 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
가방·충전기는 자리를 막지 않게 카페·스터디 공간 짐 예절	A1 Culture: compare 가방·충전기는 자리를 막지 않게 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-013
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계산대 트레이와 장바구니 Checkout Tray and Bagging Etiquette	A1 Culture: compare 계산대 트레이와 장바구니 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-015
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

My Notes

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