



Korean Ladder Study Note

집에 초대받았을 때

First-Visit Greetings, Small Gifts, and Leaving Politely

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Etiquette	집에 초대받았을 때 First-Visit Greetings, Small Gifts, and Leaving Politely

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-034>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6n4BFust9Ds>

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Core Idea

I'm at the door with a small gift. Do I take off my shoes before I enter, and what am I supposed to say first?

좋은 질문이에요. In most Korean homes, you step into the entryway first, then remove your shoes before stepping onto the indoor floor.

And you do not need a perfect speech. A greeting, a thank-you, and one polite question are enough.

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Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	어서 오세요. —	Welcome.



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Hana	안녕하세요. 초대해 주셔서 감사합니다. 이거 작은 선물이예요. —	Hello. Thank you for inviting me. This is a small gift.
Junho	뭘 이런 걸 다. 고마워요. —	You really didn't have to. Thank you.
Hana	신발은 여기서 벗으면 돼요? —	Should I take off my shoes here?
Junho	네, 여기서 벗어 주세요. —	Yes, please take them off here.
Hana	이제 가 봐야겠어요. 오늘 정말 잘 먹었습니다. —	I should get going now. Thank you very much for the meal.
Junho	와 줘서 고마워요. 조심히 가세요. —	Thank you for coming. Get home safely.
Hana	안녕히 계세요. —	Goodbye.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
도착 → 현관 → 작별 —	Arrival → Entryway → Goodbye	오늘의 핵심은 세 단계예요. 도착, 현관, 그리고 작별이에요. Today we will learn what to do on arrival, in the entryway, and when leaving.
감사하기 → 신발 묻기 → 떠날 때 알리기 —	Thank the host → Ask about shoes → Signal that you should leave	The useful phrases are 초대해 주셔서 감사합니다, 신발은 여기서 벗으면 돼요, and 이제 가 봐야겠어요.
한 순간에 한 문장 —	One useful sentence for each moment	So I don't need to memorize every custom. I need a polite phrase for each moment.
초대해 주셔서 + 감사합니다 —	Thank you for kindly inviting me	초대해 주셔서 means “because you kindly invited me.” 감사합니다 is a formal, polite thank-you.
과일 · 디저트 · 음료 —	Fruit · Dessert · Drinks	과일, 디저트, 음료처럼 함께 즐길 수 있는 작은 선물이 무난해요. Fruit, dessert, or a drink to share is usually an easy choice.
도착할 때 · 들어갈 때 · 떠날 때 —	When arriving · When entering · When leaving	There are several phrases, but each one belongs at a different boundary: arriving, entering, or leaving.
여기 → 여기서 —	here → at this place	Almost. In careful beginner speech, add 서 after 여기. Say 여기서 because the shoe removal happens at that place.



Word	Meaning	Example
문 → 현관 → 신발 벗기 → 실내 —	Door → Entryway → Shoes off → Indoor floor	Usually, open the door and step into the lower entry area called 현관. Take off your shoes there, before stepping onto the raised indoor floor.



Grammar / Structure Notes

도착 → 현관 → 작별

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Three moments in a first home visit

감사하기 → 신발 묻기 → 떠날 때 알리기

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한 순간에 한 문장

한 순간에 한 문장 — One useful sentence for each moment

So I don't need to memorize every custom. I need a polite phrase for each moment.

초대해 주셔서 감사합니다.

초대해 + 주셔서 + 감사합니다 + . — Thank you for inviting me.

도착하면 이렇게 말해요. 초대해 주셔서 감사합니다. It means, "Thank you for inviting me."

초대해 주셔서 + 감사합니다

초대해 주셔서 + 감사합니다 — Thank you for kindly inviting me

A polite first-visit greeting

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
실례하겠습니다.	sillyehagetseumnida.
신발은 여기서 벗으면 돼요?	sinbareun yeogiseo beoseumyeon dwaeyo?
신발은 여기 벗으면 돼요?	Almost: add 서 after 여기
여기 → 여기서	Use 여기서 for the place where an action occurs
이제 가 봐야겠어요.	ije ga bwayagesseoyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 집에 초대받았을 때 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
가방은 앞으로 Crowded Subway and Bus Bag Etiquette	A1 Culture: compare 가방은 앞으로 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-012
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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