



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 테이블 호출벨

## Korean Restaurant Call-Button Etiquette

| Level                    | Topic                | Focus                                              |
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| A1 · Beginner<br>TOPIK 1 | Culture<br>Etiquette | 테이블 호출벨<br>Korean Restaurant Call-Button Etiquette |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-036>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sg4HQdQikw>

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## Core Idea

There's a button on my restaurant table. Am I really supposed to press it? It feels like ordering someone around.

호출벨이 있는 식당에서는 눌러도 괜찮아요. At a restaurant with a service call button, it's okay to use it. That's what it's there for.

Okay, so the button isn't rude. The question is when to press it, and what I do next.

오늘의 핵심은 세 가지예요. Today's routine has three parts: be ready, press once and wait, then make a polite request.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean           | Meaning                |
|---------|------------------|------------------------|
| Junho   | 네, 뭐 필요하세요?<br>— | Yes, what do you need? |



| Speaker | Korean           | Meaning                         |
|---------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hana    | 물 좀 더 주세요.<br>—  | Please give me some more water. |
| Junho   | 네, 가져다드릴게요.<br>— | Sure, I'll bring it for you.    |
| Hana    | 감사합니다.<br>—      | Thank you.                      |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                          | Meaning                                 | Example                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 호출벨<br>—                      | Service call button                     | 호출벨이 있는 식당에서는 눌러도 괜찮아요. At a restaurant with a service call button, it's okay to use it. That's what it's there for.                                         |
| 준비 → 한 번 누르기 → 정중하게 부탁하기<br>— | Get ready → press once → ask politely   | 오늘의 핵심은 세 가지예요. Today's routine has three parts: be ready, press once and wait, then make a polite request.                                                  |
| 호출벨이 있는 식당<br>—               | A restaurant with a service call button | 모든 식당에 호출벨이 있는 건 아니예요. Not every restaurant has a call button. Today, we're talking about a restaurant that does.                                            |
| 주문할 준비가 됐을 때<br>—             | When you're ready to order              | 주문할 준비가 됐을 때 누르세요. Press when you're ready to order, not while you're still deciding.                                                                        |
| 필요한 게 있을 때<br>—               | When you need something                 | 식사 중에 필요한 게 있을 때도 눌러도 돼요. You can also use it during the meal if you need something from the staff.                                                          |
| 기다린 뒤에 다시 한 번<br>—            | Once again, after waiting               | 충분히 기다렸는데도 안 오면 다시 한 번 눌러 보세요. If you've given them time and no one comes, try pressing once again. There isn't one exact waiting time for every restaurant. |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 호출벨

호출벨 — Service call button

A normal way to call staff at restaurants that provide one.

### 준비 → 한 번 누르기 → 정중하게 부탁하기

준비 → 한 번 누르기 → 정중하게 부탁하기 — Get ready → press once → ask politely

The button calls staff; it does not place your order.

### \_\_\_ 주세요.

\_\_\_ 주세요. — Please give me \_\_\_.

Put the item you want before 주세요.

### 호출벨이 있는 식당

호출벨이 있는 식당 — A restaurant with a service call button

Restaurant service setups vary.

### 주문할 준비가 됐을 때

주문할 준비가 됐을 때 — When you're ready to order

Choose first, then call staff.

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase     | How to practice                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 물 좀 더 주세요. | Keep the polite ending 요 audible. |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 테이블 호출벨 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<br>카페·스터디 공간 짐 예절                  | A1 Culture: compare 가방·충전기는 자리를 막지 않게 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-013">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-013</a> |
| 가방은 앞으로<br>Crowded Subway and Bus Bag Etiquette      | A1 Culture: compare 가방은 앞으로 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.           | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-012">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-012</a> |
| 계산대 트레이와 장바구니<br>Checkout Tray and Bagging Etiquette | A1 Culture: compare 계산대 트레이와 장바구니 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.     | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-015">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-015</a> |
| 고개 숙여 인사<br>How Koreans Bow and Greet Elders         | A1 Culture: compare 고개 숙여 인사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.          | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-003">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-003</a> |

## My Notes

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