



Korean Ladder Study Note

-(으)ㄹ까요? / -(으)ㅂ시다

Suggesting and Proposing Together

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Sentence Endings	-(으)ㄹ까요? / -(으)ㅂ시다 Suggesting and Proposing Together

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. When I want to say 'Shall we go together?' I freeze. Do I command them? Do I beg them? What do I even say?

Same. I either sound like I'm ordering them around, or I never actually make the plan.

좋아요. Today you get two tools. One asks, one decides. 같이 갈까요? and 갑시다.

First pattern. -(으)ㄹ까요? attaches to a verb stem and means 'shall we?' or 'should I?' It opens the door — it asks the other person.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	우리 같이 점심 먹을까요? —	Shall we have lunch together?
Junho	좋아요. 뭐 먹을까요? —	Sounds good. What shall we eat?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	김밥 어때요? 김밥 먹읍시다. —	How about gimbap? Let's eat gimbap.
Junho	네, 그럼시다. —	Yes, let's do that.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
vowel → -르까요 / consonant → -을까요 galkkayo / meogeulkkayo	Same ending, two shapes	Oh — so 가 had no batchim, so just 르. 먹 already had one, so the full 을까요. They're the same rule.
갈까요 = 가 + 르까요 galkkayo = ga + lkkayo	The verb 가 is hiding inside.	맞아요. The verb is still in there — 가 means go. 들으셨죠? It just contracts. Same with 먹 plus 을까요.
갑시다 / 같이 가요 gapsida / gachi gayo	Let's go. (firm / friendly)	Two ways. Casual and friendly — 같이 가요, 'let's go together.' Or firmer and group-style — 갑시다.
갑시다 gapsida	Let's go.	-(으)십시오 is the 'let's do it' ending. The asking is done — now you commit. 가 plus ㅂ시다 becomes 갑시다.
까요 = 질문 / 시다 = 결정 kkayo = jilmun / sida = gyeoljeong	Ask vs. settle	So 까요 is the question, 시다 is the handshake. I love that.
갈까요 galkkayo	Suggesting and Proposing Together	좋아요. One small thing — the 까 is tense, a little tight. 갈까요, not 갈가요. Try again.
어른께 → 같이 가요 / 동료엔 → 갑시다 eoreunkke → gachi gayo / dongnyo-en → gapsida	Match the listener.	And don't overuse 갑시다 with someone above you. It's confident, group-style — great with peers, but to an elder, soften to 같이 가요. With colleagues or in formal settings, use 갑시다 — 동료나 격식 있는 자리에선 갑시다.



Grammar / Structure Notes

같이 갈까요?

같이 갈까요? — Shall we go together?

An invitation — soft, asking.

-(으)르까요?

-(으)르까요? — Shall we ~ ? / Should I ~ ?

Adds to a verb stem to suggest gently.

가 + -르까요 → 갈까요?

가 + -르까요 → 갈까요? — Shall we go?

Vowel stem: just add ㄹ.

같이 갈까요?

같이 + 갈까요 + ? — Shall we go together?

갈까요 = 가-(verb 'go') + -르까요 (ending); the stem 가 + 르까요 contracts to 갈까요 — exactly parallel to 먹 + 을까요.

뭐 먹을까요?

뭐 + 먹 + 을까요 + ? — What shall we eat?

Consonant stem 먹 + 을까요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
가치 갈까요	gachi galkkayo?
갈까요	galkkayo
뭐 먹을까요?	mwo meogeulkkayo?
뭐 머물까요	mwo meogeulkkayo?

Self-Check

- 1 Say -(으)르까요? / -(으)ㅂ시다 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
이에요 / 예요 Saying What Something Is	A1 Grammar: compare 이에요 / 예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-001
있어요 / 없어요 There Is / There Isn't	A1 Grammar: compare 있어요 / 없어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-002
-는 셈이다 / -기 마련이다 / -는 법이다 Endings for Generalizing and Concluding	C1 Grammar: compare -는 셈이다 / -기 마련이다 / -는 법이다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-GRAM-END-001
고 싶어요 Saying What You Want to Do	A2 Grammar: compare 고 싶어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-001

My Notes

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