



Korean Ladder Study Note

내 친구 / 제 가방 / 우리 집

Possessives Without Saying 의

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Modifiers & Clauses	내 친구 / 제 가방 / 우리 집 Possessives Without Saying 의

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-MOD-005>

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Core Idea

If 의 connects an owner to a thing, do I need it every time I say my bag or my friend?

항상 따로 말할 필요는 없어요. You don't always need to say 의 separately. Everyday Korean has some very useful short forms.

오늘의 표현은 내 친구, 제 가방, 우리 집이에요. Today's phrases mean my friend, my bag, and our home, which often means my home in English.

명사 앞에 바로 붙여 말해요. Put these words right before the noun when you speak. No extra 의 is needed in these phrases.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	하나 씨 가방이에요? —	Hana, is this your bag?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 제 가방이에요. —	Yes, it's my bag.
Junho	가방이 예쁘네요. —	Your bag is pretty.
Hana	감사합니다. —	Thank you.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
내 친구 · 제 가방 · 우리 집 nae chingu · je gabang · uri jip	my friend · my bag · our home or my home	오늘의 표현은 내 친구, 제 가방, 우리 집이에요. Today's phrases mean my friend, my bag, and our home, which often means my home in English.
내 + 명사 · 제 + 명사 · 우리 + 명사 —	내, 제, or 우리 + noun	명사 앞에 바로 붙여 말해요. Put these words right before the noun when you speak. No extra 의 is needed in these phrases.
제 가방 je gabang	my bag	So I choose the right word for my or our, then say the noun.
나의 → 내 naui → nae	my — casual or non-humble	내 is 나의가 줄어든 말이에요. 내 is a shortened form of 나의, meaning my. It fits casual speech.
저의 → 제 jeoui → je	my — humble	제 is 저의가 줄어든 말이에요. 제 is a shortened form of 저의. It is the humble form of my, useful when speaking politely to someone.
내 가방 · 제 가방 —	Both mean my bag.	So 내 and 제 aren't two words for different kinds of belongings. The choice depends on how I'm speaking to the listener.
내 가방 / 제 가방 —	my bag — casual / humble	맞아요. 친구에게는 내 가방, 직원에게는 제 가방이라고 해 보세요. With a close friend, try 내 가방. With a staff member, try 제 가방.
우리 집 uri jip	our home; often my home in English	우리는 기본적으로 our라는 뜻이에요. 우리 basically means our. But Korean often uses it for shared connections, where English uses my.



Grammar / Structure Notes

내 친구 · 제 가방 · 우리 집

내 친구 · 제 가방 · 우리 집 — my friend · my bag · our home or my home

Put 내, 제, or 우리 directly before the noun.

내 + 명사 · 제 + 명사 · 우리 + 명사

내 + 명사 · 제 + 명사 · 우리 + 명사 — 내, 제, or 우리 + noun

Write a space before the noun: 제 가방.

제 가방

제 가방 — my bag

Possessive first, noun second.

내 친구야.

내 + 친구 + 야. — This is my friend. (casual)

내 친구야. That means, this is my friend, in casual speech.

제 가방이에요.

제 + 가방 + 이에요. — This is my bag. (polite)

제 가방이에요. This is my bag. This is a natural, polite way to identify your bag.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
제 가방	je gabang
제의 가방 → 제 가방	Learner attempt: an extra 의 slipped in.
제 가방이에요.	je gabangieyo.
내 친구	nae chingu
우리 집이에요.	uri jibieyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 내 친구 / 제 가방 / 우리 집 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
모든 / 각 / 아무 Every, Each, and Any Before a Noun	A1 Grammar: compare 모든 / 각 / 아무 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-MOD-004
무슨 / 어떤 / 어느 Asking What, What Kind, and Which	A1 Grammar: compare 무슨 / 어떤 / 어느 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-MOD-002
새 / 현 / 낡은 Saying New, Used, and Old Before a Noun	A1 Grammar: compare 새 / 현 / 낡은 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-MOD-003
이 / 그 / 저 Pointing at Things Near and Far	A1 Grammar: compare 이 / 그 / 저 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-MOD-001

My Notes

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