



Korean Ladder Study Note

에게서 / 한테서

Saying 'From' a Person in Korean

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zBb9qX1MFY>

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Core Idea

Here's my English-speaker problem: I know 에서 means from, like from school. So can I say 친구에서 선물을 받았어요 for I got a gift from a friend?

좋은 질문이에요. But for a person, 친구에서 sounds unnatural. You need 친구에게서 or, in everyday speech, 친구한테서.

에서 is for places. 학교에서 means from school or at school, depending on the verb. But a friend is a person, so use 에게서 or 한테서.

오늘의 패턴은 사람에게서, or 사람한테서. In English, it means from a person, especially when you receive, hear, learn, or get something from someone.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이 사진 누구한테서 받았어요? —	Who did you get this photo from?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	친구한테서 받았어요. —	I got it from a friend.
Hana	그 소식도 친구한테서 들었어요? —	Did you hear that news from a friend too?
Junho	아니요, 선생님한테서 들었어요. —	No, I heard it from the teacher.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
친구에게서 / 친구한테서 chingu-ege-seo / chingu-hante-seo	from a friend	좋은 질문이에요. But for a person, 친구에서 sounds unnatural. You need 친구에게서 or, in everyday speech, 친구한테서.
장소 + 에서 / 사람 + 에게서, 한테서 jangso + eseo / saram + egeseo, hanteseo	place + from / person + from	에서 is for places. 학교에서 means from school or at school, depending on the verb. But a friend is a person, so use 에게서 or 한테서.
사람 + 에게서 / 한테서 saram + egeseo / hanteseo	from a person	오늘의 패턴은 사람에게서, or 사람한테서. In English, it means from a person, especially when you receive, hear, learn, or get something from someone.
한테서 = 말할 때 자연스러움 에게서 = 글에서 자연스러움 hante-seo = malhal ttae jayeonseureoum / ege-seo = geul-eseo jayeonseureoum	한테서 sounds natural in speech; 에게서 sounds natural in writing.	좋아요. 한테서 is the everyday spoken choice. If you are writing a message, essay, or something a bit formal, 에게서 also works well.
사람한테서 + 받았어요 saram-hante-seo + bad-ass-eo-yo	received from a person	받았어요 means received or got. With 받다, 에게서 and 한테서 are very common because you receive something from someone.
선생님한테서 seonsaengnim-hante -seo	from the teacher	So if the source is my teacher, I can say 선생님한테서?
사람한테서 / 사람에게서 saram-hante-seo / saram-ege-seo	from a person	Let me reason it out. If the thing comes from a person, I use 사람한테서 in speaking, or 사람에게서 in writing.



Word	Meaning	Example
회사에서 과장님한테서 hoesa-eseo / gwajan gnim-hante-seo	from/at the company / from the manager	Place: 회사에서. Person: 과장님한테서. That boundary helps.



Grammar / Structure Notes

친구에게서 / 친구한테서

친구에게서 / 친구한테서 — from a friend

Use with a person as the source.

장소 + 에서 / 사람 + 에게서, 한테서

장소 + 에서 / 사람 + 에게서, 한테서 — place + from / person + from

장소 means place. 사람 means person.

사람 + 에게서 / 한테서

사람 + 에게서 / 한테서 — from a person

에게서 is a bit more written or formal; 한테서 is common in speech.

누구에게서? 누구한테서?

누구에게서? 누구한테서? — from whom?

누구 = who

저는 친구한테서 선물을 받았어요.

저 + 는 + 친구 + 한테서 + 선물 + 을 + 받았어요. — I received a gift from a friend.

맞아요. First, listen to a full sentence. 저는 친구한테서 선물을 받았어요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
저는 친구한테서 선물을 받았어요.	jeo-neun chingu-hante-seo seonmul-eul bad-ass-eo-yo
누구한테서	nugu-hante-seo
누구한테서 받았어요?	nugu-hante-seo bad-ass-eo-yo?
친구한테서 받았어요.	chingu-hante-seo bad-ass-eo-yo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 에게서 / 한테서 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
(으)로 Saying 'By', 'With', and 'Toward' in Korean	A1 Grammar: compare (으)로 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-012
도 Saying 'Also', 'Too', and 'Even' in Korean	A1 Grammar: compare 도 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-006
만 Saying 'Only' and 'Just This' with the Particle 만	A1 Grammar: compare 만 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-011
부터 / 까지 Saying 'From' and 'Until' for Time and Place	A1 Grammar: compare 부터 / 까지 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-010

My Notes

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