



Korean Ladder Study Note

에다

Putting Something Onto Places and People

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Particles	에다 Putting Something Onto Places and People

Study Links

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. I know 에 means at or to, and 한테 means to a person. But then I hear 에다가, like 컵에다가 물을 부어요. Is 다가 just decoration?

좋은 질문이에요. 에다가 is not just decoration. It makes the place sound like the target where you put, pour, add, or place something.

And with a person, 한테다가 marks the person as the target recipient. In English, think: to someone, onto someone's side, or adding it to someone.

So if I put water into a cup, it is 컵에다가. But if I give a present to a friend, it is 친구한테다가?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	가방에다가 도시락을 넣었어요? —	Did you put the lunch box in the bag?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 그리고 민수한테다가 과일도 줬어요. —	Yes, and I also gave fruit to Minsu.
Hana	좋아요. 물은 여기 병에다가 부어 주세요. —	Good. Please pour the water into this bottle.
Hana	가방에다가 도시락을 넣었어요? —	Did you put the lunch box in the bag?
Junho	네, 그리고 민수한테다가 과일도 줬어요. —	Yes, and I also gave fruit to Minsu.
Hana	좋아요. 물은 여기 병에다가 부어 주세요. —	Good. Please pour the water into this bottle.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
N에다(가) N-e-da-ga	into, onto, or at N as the target place	좋은 질문이에요. 에다가 is not just decoration. It makes the place sound like the target where you put, pour, add, or place something.
N한테다(가) N-han-te-da-ga	to N, when N is a person or animal recipient	And with a person, 한테다가 marks the person as the target recipient. In English, think: to someone, onto someone's side, or adding it to someone.
장소 + 에다(가) · 사람 + 한테다(가) jangso + e-da-ga · saram + han-te-da-ga	place plus 에다(가), person plus 한테다(가)	맞아요. Place target uses 에다가. Person target uses 한테다가. The little 다가 adds a feeling of putting it right there, or directing it right to that target.
컵에다가 물을 부어요 keop-e-da-ga mul-eul bueoyo	Pour water into the cup.	Let's show it with native examples. First, a container. 컵에다가 물을 부어요. Pour water into the cup.
책상 위에다가 책을 놓아요 chaeksang wi-e-da-ga chaeg-eul noayo	Put the book on top of the desk.	Second, a surface. 책상 위에다가 책을 놓아요. Put the book on the desk.
친구한테다가 선물을 줬어요 chingu-han-te-da-ga seonmul-eul jwosseoyo	I gave a present to my friend.	Third, a person. 친구한테다가 선물을 줬어요. I gave a present to my friend.



Word	Meaning	Example
컵에다가 · 친구한테다가 keop-e-da-ga · chingu-han-te-da-ga	into the cup · to the friend	Let me reason it out. 컵 is not a person, so 컵에다가. 친구 is a person, so 친구한테다가.
목표 지점 + 에다(가) / 한테다(가) mokpyo jijeom + e-da-ga / han-te-da-ga	target point plus 에다(가) or 한테다(가)	Exactly. Also notice the action. 에다가 and 한테다가 appear when something moves, gets placed, gets added, or gets given to a target.



Grammar / Structure Notes

N에다(가)

N에다(가) — into, onto, or at N as the target place

Often used with 넣다, 놓다, 쓰다, 붙이다, 붓다, 더하다

N한테다(가)

N한테다(가) — to N, when N is a person or animal recipient

Casual spoken Korean; plain 한테 is often enough

장소 + 에다(가) · 사람 + 한테다(가)

장소 + 에다(가) · 사람 + 한테다(가) — place plus 에다(가), person plus 한테다(가)

다가 can often drop: 에다, 한테다

컵에다가 물을 부어요

컵 + 에다가 + 물 + 을 + 부어요 — Pour water into the cup.

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Here, 컵 is the place target. 에다가 tells us where the water is going. 물을 is the thing being poured.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
설탕을 커피에다가 넣어요	seoltang-eul keopi-e-da-ga neoeoyo
커피에다가	keopi-e-da-ga
동생한테다가 사탕을 줘요	dongsaeng-han-te-da-ga satang-eul jwoyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 에다 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
같이 / 와 함께 / 하고 Saying 'Together With' Someone	A1 Grammar: compare 같이 / 와 함께 / 하고 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-017
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

My Notes

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