



Korean Ladder Study Note

씨라고 불러도 될까요

Asking Permission Before You Use 씨

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Honorifics Titles & Address	씨라고 불러도 될까요 Asking Permission Before You Use 씨

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-ADR-006>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWxSht8Bs6A>

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Core Idea

If I meet someone named 민수, can I just start saying 민수 씨? I thought 씨 made everything polite.

씨는 존중을 나타내지만, 누구에게나 쓰는 건 아니예요. 씨 shows respect, but it doesn't fit every person or relationship.

처음 만났을 때는 호칭을 물어보면 좋아요. When you first meet, checking how to address someone can help you avoid sounding abrupt.

오늘의 문장은 민수 씨라고 불러도 될까요?입니다. It means, 'May I call you 민수 씨?' You're proposing a form of address and asking permission.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	안녕하세요. 저는 김민수예요. —	Hello. I'm Kim Minsu.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	민수 씨라고 불러도 될까요? —	May I call you 민수 씨?
Junho	네, 그렇게 부르셔도 돼요. —	Yes, you may call me that.
Hana	반가워요, 민수 씨. —	Nice to meet you, 민수 씨.
Hana	민수 씨라고 불러도 될까요? —	May I call you 민수 씨?
Junho	김민수 씨라고 불러 주세요. —	Please call me 김민수 씨.
Hana	네, 알겠어요. —	Okay, understood.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
민수 씨 —	The proposed form of address	So I'm not just adding politeness to a name. I'm checking whether 민수 씨 is the address they want.
선생님 · 팀장님 —	Teacher · Team leader	맞아요. That's right. 씨 is often used between adult peers, but a role title may be better for a teacher, a manager, or someone senior.
민수 씨 / 김민수 씨 —	Given name + 씨 / Full name + 씨	이름이나 성명을 쓰세요. Use a given name or full name: 민수 씨 or 김민수 씨. Avoid surname-only forms such as 김 씨 as a default polite address. They can sound disrespectful.
그렇게 —	That way	그렇게는 앞에서 말한 호칭을 가리켜요. 그렇게 means 'that way.' Here it points back to the address 민수 씨.
팀장님 —	Team leader	허락을 묻는다고 모든 호칭이 적절해지는 건 아니에요. Asking permission doesn't make every address suitable. If you know someone is your team leader, 팀장님 is usually the better starting point.



Grammar / Structure Notes

민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요?

민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요? — May I call you 민수 씨?

Ask about the complete form you want to use.

불려도 될까요?

불려도 될까요? — May I call you that?

Here: use a name or title when addressing someone.

민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요?

민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요? — May I call you 민수 씨?

민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요? Listen for the whole proposed address, 민수 씨, before the permission question.

지수 씨라고 불려도 될까요?

지수 씨라고 불려도 될까요? — May I call you 지수 씨?

지수 씨라고 불려도 될까요? The same question works with the given name 지수.

김민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요?

김민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요? — May I call you 김민수 씨?

김민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요? You can also propose a full name, here 김민수, followed by 씨.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
민수 씨라고 불려도 될까요?	Keep the proposed address together, then ask permission.
민수 씨 불려도 될까요?	Learner attempt: the marker 라고 is missing.
네, 그렇게 부르셔도 돼요.	A polite way to say yes to the proposed address.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 씨라고 불려도 될까요 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
뭐라고 부르면 돼요 Asking What to Call Someone as a Beginner	A1 Honorifics: compare 뭐라고 부르면 돼요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-ADR-005
선생님 / 언니 / 아저씨 Addressing People You See Every Day	A1 Honorifics: compare 선생님 / 언니 / 아저씨 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-ADR-001
아줌마 / 아가씨 / 총각 Calling Strangers by Age and Gender	A1 Honorifics: compare 아줌마 / 아가씨 / 총각 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-ADR-002
저기요 다음에 뭐라고 부를까 Choosing a Safe Title After You Get Attention	A1 Honorifics: compare 저기요 다음에 뭐라고 부를까 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-ADR-004

My Notes

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