



Korean Ladder Study Note

앉으세요 / 이쪽으로 오세요

-(으)세요로 웃어른께 권하기

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Honorifics Subject Honorifics	앉으세요 / 이쪽으로 오세요 -(으)세요로 웃어른께 권하기

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-SUB-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LapxtU9eqSc>

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk. At my host family's house, grandma stood by the sofa, and I said 앉아 — just 'sit.' Everyone went quiet. Was that too bossy?

네, 조금 딱딱하게 들려요. 앉아 is fine for a close friend. For an elder, Korean wants a softer, more respectful invite.

But when I hear 앉으세요, it still feels like a command — like a teacher saying 'Sit down.' How is that an invite?

좋은 질문이에요. The shape is the same, but the job changes with the situation. At home, with a warm voice, 앉으세요 means 'Please have a seat.'

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	어서 오세요. 이쪽으로 오세요. —	Welcome. Please come this way.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	감사합니다. —	Thank you.
Junho	여기 앉으세요. 차 드릴까요? —	Please sit here. Shall I bring tea?
Hana	택시가 왔어요. 타세요. —	The taxi is here. Please get in.
Junho	네, 고맙습니다. —	Yes, thank you.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-(으)세요 -(eu)seyo	polite honorific ending — invite / offer to an elder	오늘의 핵심은 으세요, 또는 세요예요. Today's key is the ending 으세요 — or 세요 after a vowel. It lifts the other person's action with respect.
(으)시 + 어요 → (으)세요 (eu)si + eoyo → (eu)seyo	honorific (으)시- plus polite 어요 contracts to (으)세요	Inside, it's (으)시 plus 어요 — 시어요 contracts to 세요. The honorific piece is (으)시, and 으 appears before consonant stems.
웃어른께 권하기 useoreun-kke gwonhagi	inviting / offering to an elder	그래서 웃어른께 권할 때 써요. We use it to gently invite or offer something to an elder — sit, come this way, get in the car.
앉다 → 앉으세요 anja → anjeuseyo	sit → please sit (honorific invite)	앉다 ends in a consonant, so we add 으세요 — 앉으세요. The 으 helps the sounds connect smoothly.
오다 → 오세요 oda → oseyo	come → please come (honorific invite)	오다 ends in a vowel, so we only add 세요 — 오세요. No 으 needed.
자음 → -으세요 · 모음 → -세요 jaeum → -euseyo · moeum → -seyo	consonant stem / vowel stem — main set: 앉으세요 · 오세요 · 타세요	Okay, let me reason it out. If the verb stem ends in a consonant, I use 으세요 — like 앉으세요. If it ends in a vowel, just 세요 — 오세요, 타세요. But ㄹ 받침은 예외예요. 살다 → 사세요 — not 살으세요. Today I'll keep 앉으세요, 오세요, 타세요 as my main set.
앉아요 ↔ 앉으세요 anjayo ↔ anjeuseyo	polite ↔ polite + honorific invite	정확해요. And remember: this is not the plain polite 앉아요. 앉아요 is polite, but 앉으세요 adds the honorific 시 — more care for an elder.
명령 ≠ 권유 myeongnyeong ≠ gwoonyu	command ≠ invitation	그리고 명령과 권유는 달라요. The same ending can sound like a command or like an invite — your voice and the situation decide.



Grammar / Structure Notes

-(으)세요

-(으)세요 — polite honorific ending — invite / offer to an elder

Soft 'please ____' — not a cold order.

(으)시 + 어요 → (으)세요

(으)시 + 어요 → (으)세요 — honorific (으)시- plus polite 어요 contracts to (으)세요

으 before consonant stems; then 시 + 어요 → 세요

웃어른께 권하기

웃어른께 권하기 — inviting / offering to an elder

Warm host energy, not classroom drill.

앉으세요.

앉 + 으세요 + . — Please have a seat. (soft invite)

들어보세요. 앉으세요. That means 'Please have a seat' — the soft invite you'd say to a guest or an elder.

앉다 → 앉으세요

앉다 → 앉으세요 — sit → please sit (honorific invite)

Consonant stem → -으세요

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
앉으세요	anjeuseyo
이쪽으로 오세요	ijjogeuro oseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 앉으세요 / 이쪽으로 오세요 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
누구세요 Your First Honorific Questions	A1 Honorifics: compare 누구세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-SUB-001
-(으)시- Adding the Honorific Infix to Any Verb	B1 Honorifics: compare -(으)시- with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-HON-SUB-002
Korean Honorifics 세요 and 께서	A2 Honorifics: compare Korean Honorifics with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-001
간접 높임 말씀 · 연세 · 댁에 높임 붙이기	C1 Honorifics: compare 간접 높임 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-HON-SUB-002

My Notes

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