



Korean Ladder Study Note

이름 부를 때와 대답할 때

네! 저요!의 짧은 응답 억양

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Pronunciation Intonation	이름 부를 때와 대답할 때 네! 저요!의 짧은 응답 억양

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-020>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5T4elkC5gls>

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Core Idea

When someone calls my name, should I answer with a rising 네? It sounds polite in English, but maybe it sounds unsure in Korean.

And if someone asks for a volunteer, how do I make 저요 sound confident instead of surprised?

오늘의 핵심은 간단해요. 이름을 확인하며 부를 때는 끝이 올라가고, 분명하게 대답할 때는 짧게 내려와요. The call rises, and the clear answer settles.

이 차이가 중요한 이유는 같은 네도 억양에 따라 기능이 달라지기 때문입니다. A rising 네 can ask for repetition, while a short falling 네 gives a clear answer.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨? —	Junho?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네! —	Yes, that's me.
Hana	누가 먼저 해 볼까요? —	Who would like to go first?
Junho	저요! —	Me, I'll go first.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
앨리스 씨 ↗ → 네 ↘ Aelliseu ssi → ne	Alice? → Yes, that's me.	오늘의 핵심은 간단해요. 이름을 확인하며 부를 때는 끝이 올라가고, 분명하게 대답할 때는 짧게 내려와요. The call rises, and the clear answer settles.
저요 jeoyo	Me; I will	The phrase itself has 저 and 요. The pitch tells the listener whether I'm checking or volunteering.
네에에... neee...	네! 저요!의 짧은 응답 억양	네를 필요 이상으로 길게 늘이면 망설이거나 마지못해 대답하는 것처럼 들릴 수 있어요. It may sound hesitant or reluctant.
확인할 때만 끝을 올려요 hwag-inhal ttaeman kkeuteul ollyeoyo	Raise the ending only when you are checking.	Got it. A questioning rise is useful only when I really need to check or ask for repetition.



Grammar / Structure Notes

앨리스 씨 ↗ → 네 ↘

앨리스 씨 ↗ → 네 ↘ — Alice? → Yes, that's me.

The name call rises; the clear answer settles.

네? ↗ 네! ↘

네? ↗ 네! ↘ — Pardon? Yes, that's me.

A rise checks; a fall confirms.

저요? ↗ 저요! ↘

저요? ↗ 저요! ↘ — Me? Me, I'll do it.

Rising checks; falling volunteers.

앨리스야? ↗

앨리스야? ↗ — Alice?

A casual name call can also rise.

공손한 대답: 네!

공손한 대답: 네! — Polite answer: Yes.

Use 네 with teachers, staff, and other polite contacts.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
앨리스 씨?	Aelliseu ssi?
네!	ne!
저요!	jeoyo!
저요?	jeoyo?
네?	ne?
네	neee...

Self-Check

- 1 Say 이름 부를 때와 대답할 때 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
가요 끝을 올리면 질문이 돼요	A1 Pronunciation: compare 가요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-001
감사해요 Statement vs Soft-Question Pitch on Polite Fragments	A1 Pronunciation: compare 감사해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-005
거절 억양 Softening 아니요 and 괜찮아요 Without Sounding Cold	A1 Pronunciation: compare 거절 억양 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-012
공일공에 삼사공팔 전화번호와 숫자를 끊어 읽는 리듬	A1 Pronunciation: compare 공일공에 삼사공팔 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-003

My Notes

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