



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 물 / 커피 / 밥

## Essential Food Words

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Food & Dining	물 / 커피 / 밥 Essential Food Words

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## Core Idea

Okay, real talk — I went to a Korean restaurant and I couldn't even ask for water. I just pointed and made sad eyes.

Same. I knew 'hello' and 'thank you,' but I couldn't name the one thing on every table — the water, the coffee, the rice.

이게 진짜 첫 단어예요. These really are the first words. Food and drink — you use them more than 'hello.'

So today's pattern is simple: learn the word, then add 주세요 to ask for it politely. Word plus 주세요.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저기요, 물 주세요. —	Excuse me, water please.
Junho	네, 커피도 주세요. —	Yes, and coffee too, please.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	감사합니다. —	Thank you.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
_____ 주세요 _____ ju-se-yo	Please give me _____	So today's pattern is simple: learn the word, then add 주세요 to ask for it politely. Word plus 주세요.
주세요 ju-se-yo	please give (me)	주세요는 '주세요'예요 — please give me. In English, it's the polite 'please give me ____.' You'll lean on it all the time.
물 mul	water	Let's meet word one. 물. 물 means water. 물.
물 주세요 mul ju-se-yo	Water, please.	Now watch how easy it gets. 물 plus 주세요 — 물 주세요. Water, please.
커피 keo-pi	coffee	Word two: 커피. 커피 means coffee. Borrowed sound, but say it the Korean way — 커피.
커피 주세요 keo-pi ju-se-yo	Coffee, please.	Same move again. 커피 주세요 — coffee, please.
밥 bap	rice / a meal	Word three is special: 밥. 밥 literally means cooked rice — but Koreans use it to mean a meal, food, eating in general.
밥 주세요 bap ju-se-yo	Rice / food, please.	정확해요. Precisely. So '밥 주세요' can mean 'rice, please' at the table, or more broadly 'feed me.' Context tells you which.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### \_\_\_\_\_ 주세요

\_\_\_\_\_ 주세요 — Please give me \_\_\_\_\_

Your magic ordering phrase

### 주세요

주세요 — please give (me)

Polite request ending

### 물

물 — water

Word #1

### 물 주세요

물 + 주세요 — Water, please.

Now watch how easy it gets. 물 plus 주세요 — 물 주세요. Water, please.

### 커피

커피 — coffee

Word #2

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
물 주세요	mul ju-se-yo
물	mul
커피 주세요	keo-pi ju-se-yo
커피	keo-pi

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 물 / 커피 / 밥 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.

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Lesson	Why study it next	Link
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