



Korean Ladder Study Note

여보세요

Making and Taking a Basic Phone Call

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Conversation Phone & Online	여보세요 Making and Taking a Basic Phone Call

Study Links

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Core Idea

Okay, listening mission. We're going to hear one short, real phone call.

세 가지만 들어 보세요. 첫째, 누가 전화했어요? Who is calling?

둘째, 지금 통화해도 돼요? Is it a good time? 셋째, 왜 전화했어요? Why are they calling?

Three things — who, is now okay, and why. Let's hear it at real speed.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	여보세요? —	Hello?
Junho	여보세요, 김수진 씨 휴대폰 맞으세요? —	Hello, is this Kim Sujin's phone?
Hana	네, 맞는데요. 누구세요? —	Yes, it is. Who's calling?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	저 한국어학원 박민호인데요. 지금 통화 괜찮으세요? —	This is Park Minho from the Korean academy. Is now a good time?
Hana	아, 네. 괜찮아요. 말씀하세요. —	Oh, yes. It's fine. Go ahead.
Junho	다름이 아니라, 내일 수업 시간이 바뀌어서 연락드렸어요. —	The reason I'm calling is the class time changed for tomorrow.
Hana	아, 그래요? 알려 주셔서 감사합니다. —	Oh, really? Thank you for letting me know.
Hana	여보세요? —	Hello?

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
다름이 아니라 dareumi anira	The reason I'm calling is... / It's nothing big, but...	Second chunk — the little phrase he used to ease into his reason. It's so smooth.
저 박민호인데요, 다름이 아니라... jeo bangminhoindeyo, dareumi anira...	This is Park Minho — the reason I'm calling...	급해 보여요. 자연스럽게는 "저 박민호인데요, 다름이 아니라..." — "-인데요"가 부드럽게 열어 줘요.
혹시 ... / 실례지만 ... hoksi... / sillyjiman...	by any chance... / excuse me but...	Did you catch the upgrades? "혹시" and "실례지만" — tiny words that make it softer.



Grammar / Structure Notes

지금 통화 괜찮으세요?

지금 통화 괜찮으세요? — Is now a good time to talk?

Always ask this before you start your real reason.

지금 통화 괜찮으세요?

지금 + 통화 + 괜찮으세요? — Is now a good time to talk?

분해해 볼게요. "통화"는 a phone call, "괜찮으세요?"는 are you okay with it — 합치면 is a call okay right now.

다름이 아니라

다름이 아니라 — The reason I'm calling is... / It's nothing big, but...

A soft lead-in before you state your business. Sounds polite and prepared.

다름이 아니라, 내일 수업이 바뀌어서요.

다름이 아니라, 내일 수업이 바뀌어서요. — The reason I'm calling — tomorrow's class changed.

Pair it with a -아서/어서 reason for a natural flow.

알려 주셔서 감사합니다.

알려 주셔서 감사합니다. — Thank you for letting me know.

Perfect close when someone gives you info on the phone.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
여보세요	Listen once, repeat twice, then speak at natural speed.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 여보세요 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
문제가 생긴 것 같습니다 Explaining a Problem and Next Steps	B2 Conversation: compare 문제가 생긴 것 같습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-PHN-001
핵심은 신뢰 문제라고 봅니다 Responding to a Difficult Question	C1 Conversation: compare 핵심은 신뢰 문제라고 봅니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CONV-PHN-001
메뉴 추천해 주세요 Asking for Restaurant Recommendations	A2 Conversation: compare 메뉴 추천해 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-RES-001
예약을 변경하고 싶어요 Rescheduling an Appointment	A2 Conversation: compare 예약을 변경하고 싶어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-APT-001

My Notes

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