



Korean Ladder Study Note

편의점 / 삼각김밥 / 컵라면

Korea's Convenience-Store Food Culture

Level	Topic	Focus
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Study Links

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Core Idea

Real question. In Korea, can I actually sit in a convenience store and eat 삼각김밥 and 컵라면, or is that weird?

좋은 질문이에요. 먹는 공간이 있으면, 보통 여기서 먹고 갈 수 있어요. In English, if there is an eating area, you can eat here before you go.

오늘의 문화 키워드는 편의점이에요. CU, GS25, 세븐일레븐 같은 곳에서 간단히 먹을 것도 사고, 잠깐 쉬어 가는 생활 공간이기도 해요.

오늘의 핵심 표현은 “여기서 먹고 갈게요”예요. It means, I'll eat here before I go.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	컵라면 먹고 갈까요? —	Shall we eat cup ramen before we go?
Junho	좋아요. 먼저 계산해요. —	Good. Let's pay first.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	뜨거운 물 어디 있어요? —	Where is the hot water?
Junho	저쪽에 있어요. 여기서 먹어도 돼요. —	It's over there. It's okay to eat here.
Hana	이 음료 1+1이에요? —	Is this drink buy one, get one free?
Junho	네, 같은 행사 상품끼리 골라야 해요. —	Yes, you have to choose items from the same promotion.
Hana	다 먹고 자리를 치울게요. —	I'll clean the spot after eating.
Junho	좋아요. 쓰레기는 분리수거해요. —	Good. Sort the trash for recycling.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
편의점 pyeonuijeom	convenience store	오늘의 문화 키워드는 편의점이에요. CU, GS25, 세븐일레븐 같은 곳에서 간단히 먹을 것도 사고, 잠깐 쉬어 가는 생활 공간이기도 해요.
여기서 먹고 갈게요 yeogiseo meokgo galgeyo	I'll eat here before I go.	오늘의 핵심 표현은 “여기서 먹고 갈게요”예요. It means, I'll eat here before I go.
편의점에서 먹고 갈 수 있어요 pyeonuijeom-eseo meokgo gal su isseoyo	You can eat at the convenience store before leaving.	장소를 더 분명히 말하고 싶으면 이렇게 말할 수 있어요. 편의점에서 먹고 갈 수 있어요. You can eat at the convenience store before leaving.
먹고 갈게요 meokgo galgeyo	I'll eat before I go.	So 먹고 갈게요 is not literally, like, I eat and then walk away rudely. It's more, I'll eat here before I leave.
먹고 가다 meokgo gada	to eat and then leave; to eat before going	맞아요. 먹고 가다 is a very natural Korean idea. It means to eat somewhere, then leave. It sounds normal and polite enough in a casual store setting.
삼각김밥 samgak-gimbap	triangular rice ball	먼저 삼각김밥이에요. 삼각 means triangle, and 김밥 is rice with seaweed. 삼각김밥 is a triangular rice ball with fillings.
컵라면에 물을 부어요 keomramyeon-e mureul bueoyo	Pour water into the cup ramen.	컵라면도 아주 흔해요. 편의점에 뜨거운 물이 있으면 바로 물을 부어 먹을 수 있어요. You pour hot water in, wait, and eat.



Word	Meaning	Example
도시락을 데워요 dosirageul dewoyo	Heat up the lunch box.	도시락은 packaged lunch box예요. 전자레인지가 있으면 데워 먹을 수 있어요. You can heat it up and eat it.



Grammar / Structure Notes

편의점

편의점 — convenience store

CU · GS25 · 세븐일레븐 are common chains in Korea.

여기서 먹고 갈게요

여기서 먹고 갈게요 — I'll eat here before I go.

Natural when you are already inside the store.

편의점에서 먹고 갈 수 있어요

편의점에서 먹고 갈 수 있어요 — You can eat at the convenience store before leaving.

Use this when explaining the culture or the rule.

여기서 먹고 갈게요

여기서 + 먹 + 고 + 갈게요 — I'll eat here before I go.

문장을 나눠 볼게요. 여기서 means here or in this place. 먹고 means eat and. 갈게요 means I'll go.

먹고 갈게요

먹 + 고 + 갈게요 — I'll eat before I go.

So 먹고 갈게요 is not literally, like, I eat and then walk away rudely. It's more, I'll eat here before I leave.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
여기서 먹어도 돼요?	yeogiseo meogeodo dwaeyo?
뜨거운 물 어디 있어요?	tteugeoun mul eodi isseoyo?
삼각김밥	samgak-gimbap

Self-Check

- 1 Say 편의점 / 삼각김밥 / 컵라면 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
떡볶이 / 김밥 / 라면 Inside a Korean 분식 Snack Bar	A2 Culture: compare 떡볶이 / 김밥 / 라면 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-FCL-001
복날 / 삼계탕 Why Koreans Eat Hot Soup on the Hottest Days	A2 Culture: compare 복날 / 삼계탕 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-FCL-002
김치 / 반찬 / 밥 Korean Table Basics	A1 Culture: compare 김치 / 반찬 / 밥 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-FCL-001
배달 음식 / 치맥 Korea's Delivery and Late-Night Food Culture	B2 Culture: compare 배달 음식 / 치맥 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-FCL-001

My Notes

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