



Korean Ladder Study Note

-(으)ր게요

Promising and Committing to Do Something

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Grammar Sentence Endings	-(으)ր게요 Promising and Committing to Do Something

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz_jcz5E2Vc

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. When I want to say "I'll do it," I keep saying 할 거예요. Is that wrong?

It's not wrong, but it can sound like a cold prediction. For a warm promise, Koreans reach for -(으)ր게요.

오늘의 핵심은 -(으)ր게요예요. Today's core is the ending -(으)ր게요. It means "I promise I'll do this."

이 표현은 화자가 결정해요. This ending shows the speaker is deciding and committing. I'll take care of it.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	누가 커피 주문할래요? —	Who wants to order the coffee?
Junho	제가 주문할게요. —	I'll order it.
Hana	고마워요. 저는 자리 잡을게요. —	Thanks. I'll grab a seat.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 이따 봐요. —	Okay, see you in a bit.
Junho	제가 주문할게요. —	I'll order it.
Hana	저는 자리 잡을게요. —	I'll grab a seat.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-(으)게요 -(eu)lge-yeo	I'll do it — a promise or offer	오늘의 핵심은 -(으)게요예요. Today's core is the ending -(으)게요. It means "I promise I'll do this."
제가 결정해요 je-ga gyeol-jeong-hae-yeo	I decide / it's up to me	이 표현은 화자가 결정해요. This ending shows the speaker is deciding and committing. I'll take care of it.
받침 O → -을게요 · 받침 X → -르게요 -eulge-yeo / -lge-yeo	consonant stem vs. vowel stem	How to build it: verb stem plus -을게요 after a consonant, -르게요 after a vowel. 먹다 becomes 먹을게요, and 가다 becomes 갈게요.
먹을게요 meo-geul-ge-yeo	I'll eat (I promise)	먹다는 받침이 있어요. 먹다 has a final consonant, 기억, so we add -을게요. 먹을게요.
갈게요 gal-ge-yeo	I'll go (I promise)	가다는 받침이 없어요. 가다 ends in a vowel, so we add -르게요. 갈게요. "I'll go."
제가 할게요 je-ga hal-ge-yeo	I'll do it (leave it to me)	이제 진짜 문장이예요. Now a real sentence. 제가 할게요. "I'll do it" — with 제가, the humble "I."
이따 전화할게요 i-tta jeon-hwa-hal-ge-yeo	I'll call you later	One more, everyday gold: 이따 전화할게요. "I'll call you later." A soft, caring promise.
-(으)게요 = 나의 약속 na-ui yak-sok	my promise / my offer	So 게요 turns the sentence into a promise from me? Like, I am choosing to do it for you?



Grammar / Structure Notes

-(으)르게요

-(으)르게요 — I'll do it — a promise or offer

speaker-controlled action

제가 결정해요

제가 결정해요 — I decide / it's up to me

always about your own action

받침 O → -을게요 · 받침 X → -르게요

받침 O → -을게요 · 받침 X → -르게요 — consonant stem vs. vowel stem

spelled 게, sounds like 깨

먹을게요

먹 + 을게요 — I'll eat (I promise)

먹다는 받침이 있어요. 먹다 has a final consonant, 기억, so we add -을게요. 먹을게요.

갈게요

가 + 르게요 — I'll go (I promise)

가다는 받침이 없어요. 가다 ends in a vowel, so we add -르게요. 갈게요. "I'll go."

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
제가 할게요	je-ga hal-ge-yo
제가 할게요	je-ga hal-ge-yo
이따 전화할게요	i-tta jeon-hwa-hal-ge-yo
완벽해요	wan-byeok-hae-yo

Self-Check

- 1 Say -(으)르게요 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
고 싶어요 Saying What You Want to Do	A2 Grammar: compare 고 싶어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-001
-(으)까요? / -(으)비시다 Suggesting and Proposing Together	A1 Grammar: compare -(으)까요? / -(으)비시다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-003
-(으)세요 Making Polite Requests and Gentle Commands	A1 Grammar: compare -(으)세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-004
-네요 / -군요 / -잖아요 Reacting, Realizing, and Reminding	B1 Grammar: compare -네요 / -군요 / -잖아요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-END-001

My Notes

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