



Korean Ladder Study Note

-겠-

하겠습니다 / 오겠어요로 의지와 추측 말하기

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Grammar Tense	-겠- 하겠습니다 / 오겠어요로 의지와 추측 말하기

Study Links

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. When I want to say 'I will do it,' I always reach for -(으)ㄹ 거예요. But I keep hearing 하겠습니다 in dramas. Are those the same thing?

좋은 질문이에요. That is exactly the confusion we fix today. 하겠습니다 is not just 'will' — it carries your will, your promise.

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-겠-은 두 가지 일을 해요. In English, it does two jobs: number one, your intention or promise; number two, a confident guess. 오늘 둘 다 배워요.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이 일 누가 할까요? —	Who'll take this task?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	제가 하겠습니다. —	I'll do it.
Hana	고마워요. 오늘 끝나겠어요? —	Thanks. Will it be done today?
Junho	네, 끝나겠어요. —	Yes, it'll be done (I'm sure).

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-겠- -get-	infix for intention or near-certain guess	오늘의 문법은 -겠-이에요. It's a little piece we tuck inside the verb, before the ending. Small position, strong meaning.
제가 하겠습니다 jega hagesseumnida	I will do it. (I'll take it on.)	먼저 의지예요. First, intention. Listen: 제가 하겠습니다. That means 'I will do it' — and I mean it, I'm stepping up.
하다 → 하겠습니다 hada → hagesseumnida	do → I will do (with resolve)	들으셨어요? 하 + 겠 + 습니다. The 겠 sits in the middle. 하다 becomes 하겠습니다 — 'I will, I promise.'
도와드리겠습니다 dowadeurigesseumnida	I will help you. (humble, polite offer)	다음은 정중한 제안이에요. Next, a polite offer. 도와드리겠습니다 — 'I will help you,' said very kindly.
-겠- = 의지 -get- = intention	the 'I'm on it' feeling	완벽해요. 바로 그거예요. That feeling of 'I'm on it' — that's the 겠.
맛있겠다 masitgetda	That must be delicious! (a sure guess)	이제 두 번째 뜻이에요. Now job two — a confident guess. Look at hot food: 맛있겠다. 'That looks delicious,' almost certain.
비가 오겠어요 biga ogesseoyo	It's going to rain. (I'm fairly sure.)	하나 더요. Weather. 하늘을 봐요 — dark clouds. 비가 오겠어요. 'It's going to rain,' I'm pretty sure.
제가 오겠어요 / 비가 오겠어요 jega / biga ogesseoyo	I intend to come / it's going to rain	맞아요. 주어가 힌트예요. The subject is your clue. 제가 오겠어요 — I intend to come. 비가 오겠어요 — rain isn't a person, so it's a guess.



Grammar / Structure Notes

-겠-

-겠- — infix for intention or near-certain guess

goes on the verb stem, before the final ending

-겠-

-겠- — 1) intention / promise 2) confident guess

same shape, tone tells you which

제가 하겠습니다

제가 + 하 + 겠 + 습니다 — I will do it. (I'll take it on.)

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하다 → 하겠습니다 — do → I will do (with resolve)

stem 하 + 겠 + 습니다

제가 하겠습니다

제가 하겠습니다 — I'll take care of it.

polite, workplace-ready resolve

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
제가 하겠습니다	jega hagesseumnida
하겠습니다	hagesseumnida
맛있겠다	masitgetda

Self-Check

- 1 Say -겠- 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
(으)ㄹ 거예요 The Korean Future Tense and Plans	A2 Grammar: compare (으)ㄹ 거예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-TNS-002
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-고 있다 / -아 있다 Ongoing Actions vs Resulting States	B1 Grammar: compare -고 있다 / -아 있다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-TNS-001
-(으)ㄹ게요 Promising and Committing to Do Something	A2 Grammar: compare -(으)ㄹ게요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-002

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