



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 도와드릴게요 / 여쭙봐도 될까요

나를 낮추는 기본 표현

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Honorifics Humble Forms	도와드릴게요 / 여쭙봐도 될까요 나를 낮추는 기본 표현

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wrHO4osZLQ>

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## Core Idea

Here is my real question. If I want to help my Korean manager, can I just say 도와줄게요? It sounds nice in my head.

Good question. 도와줄게요 is kind, but with a boss, teacher, or elder, we often make the giving part humble.

Honorific speech raises the other person. Humble speech lowers yourself. Both create respect, from different directions.

First tool: 드리다. It is the humble version of 주다, to give. When I give something upward, I use 드리다.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어서 오세요. 짐 들어드릴게요. —	Welcome. I'll carry your bag for you.
Junho	아, 감사합니다. 한 가지 여쭙봐도 될까요? —	Oh, thank you. May I ask one thing?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 물론이죠. 편하게 말씀하세요. —	Yes, of course. Please feel free to speak.
Junho	회의실이 어디인지 알려주실 수 있을까요? —	Could you tell me where the meeting room is?

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
주다 → 드리다 juda → deurida	to give → to give humbly	First tool: 드리다. It is the humble version of 주다, to give. When I give something upward, I use 드리다.
-아/어 드리다 -a/eo deurida	to do something for someone, humbly	And we attach it to actions. Verb plus 아 or 어, then 드리다 means I do this for you, humbly.
도와드릴게요 dowadeurilgeyo	I'll help you (humble)	돕다, to help, becomes 도와드리다. Listen to the full offer: 도와드릴게요. I'll help you, humbly.
도와줄게요 / 도와드릴게요 dowajulgeyo / dowadeurilgeyo	I'll help you / I'll help you humbly	Compare these. 도와줄게요 is fine with a friend. 도와드릴게요 is better for a senior.
-아/어 주다 → -아/어 드리다 -a/eo juda → -a/eo deurida	do for someone → do for someone humbly	맞아요. 게요 keeps the promise feeling. 드리다 changes the social direction of the help.
알려드릴게요 · 보여드릴게요 · 가르쳐드릴게요 allyeodeurilgeyo · boyeodeurilgeyo · gareuchyeodeurilgeyo	I'll let you know / show you / teach you	Useful daily examples are 알려드릴게요, 보여드릴게요, and 가르쳐드릴게요. I'll let you know, show you, or teach you, humbly.
제가 들어드릴게요 jega deureodeurilgeyo	I'll carry it for you (humble)	If my manager has a heavy bag, I can say 제가 들어드릴게요. I'll carry it for you, humbly.
묻다 → 여쭙다 mutda → yeojjupda	to ask → to ask humbly	Second tool: humble asking. 묻다 means to ask. The humble verb is 여쭙다.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 높임 vs. 낮춤

높임 vs. 낮춤 — raising them / lowering yourself

Today: everyday humble forms

### 주다 → 드리다

주다 → 드리다 — to give → to give humbly

Use 드리다 when the receiver is senior

### -아/어 드리다

-아/어 드리다 — to do something for someone, humbly

verb stem + 아/어 + 드리다

### 도와드릴게요

도와 + 드릴 + 게요 — I'll help you (humble)

돕다, to help, becomes 도와드리다. Listen to the full offer: 도와드릴게요. I'll help you, humbly.

### 도와줄게요 / 도와드릴게요

도와줄게요 / 도와드릴게요 — I'll help you / I'll help you humbly

주다 becomes 드리다

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
도와드릴게요	dowadeurilgeyo
여쭙봐도 될까요	yeojjwobwado doelkkayo

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 도와드릴게요 / 여쭙봐도 될까요 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
저 / 제 / 저희 The Humble 'I' and 'We'	A2 Honorifics: compare 저 / 제 / 저희 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-HUM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-HUM-001</a>
드리다 / 뵙다 / 여쭙보다 Humble Forms That Show Respect	B2 Honorifics: compare 드리다 / 뵙다 / 여쭙보다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-HON-HUM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-HON-HUM-001</a>
모시다 / 올리다 / 말씀 올리다 Elevated Humble Vocabulary	C1 Honorifics: compare 모시다 / 올리다 / 말씀 올리다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-HON-HUM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-HON-HUM-001</a>
Korean Honorifics 세요 and 께서	A2 Honorifics: compare Korean Honorifics with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-001</a>

## My Notes

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