



Korean Ladder Study Note

해 주세요

Levels of Asking a Favor

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A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Honorifics Speech Levels	해 주세요 Levels of Asking a Favor

Study Links

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Core Idea

Here's my real-life panic question. At a cafe, with a stranger, or with a busy senior, can I just say 주세요 for everything?

좋은 질문이에요. 부탁할 때 공손한 정도를 정확히 골라 봅시다. In English, we are choosing how polite and careful the request should sound.

오늘의 핵심은 네 단계예요. 주세요, 해 주세요, 해 주실래요, 해 주시겠어요. The last two are usually questions when we make requests.

주세요 here literally comes from 주다, to give, but as a request it is the normal polite way to ask for an item.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저기요, 시청 가는 길 좀 알려 주실래요? —	Excuse me, would you tell me the way to City Hall?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 이쪽으로 쪽 가세요. —	Yes, go straight this way.
Hana	감사합니다. 그리고 이 서류 좀 확인해 주시겠어요? —	Thank you. And would you check this document for me?
Junho	네, 확인해 드릴게요. —	Yes, I'll check it for you.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
명사구 + 주세요 myeongsagu + juseyo	noun phrase + please give me	주세요 here literally comes from 주다, to give, but as a request it is the normal polite way to ask for an item.
동사 어간 + -아/어 주세요 dongsa eogan + -a/eo juseyo	verb stem + -아/어 주세요 = please do it	행동을 부탁할 때는 동사 어간에 -아/어를 붙여서 주세요와 연결해요. In English, use the verb stem plus -아 or -어, then 주세요.
달아 주세요 dada juseyo	Levels of Asking a Favor	발음도 중요해요. 달아 is pronounced 다다. So 달아 주세요 sounds like 다다 주세요 in standard pronunciation.
좀 jom	a little; softener in requests	Here, 좀 is not just a little. In requests, 좀 often softens the tone, like making the request less heavy.
상황에 맞는 공손함 sanghwange matneun gongsonham	politeness that fits the situation	맞아요. 공손한 말도 상황보다 너무 높으면 조금 거리감이 생길 수 있어요. Polite is good, but too deferential can feel too formal for a simple order.
빌리다 → 빌려 주세요 billida → billyeo juseyo	to borrow → please lend me	좋습니다. 빌리다 means to borrow, and 빌려 주세요 means please lend it to me. That is a normal polite request.
닫다 → 달아 주세요 datda → dada juseyo	to close → please close it	그건 고쳐야 해요. 닫다 주세요가 아니라 달아 주세요예요. 닫다는 먼저 달아로 바뀌고, 그다음 주세요와 연결돼요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

주세요 · 해 주세요 · 해 주실래요? · 해 주시겠어요?

주세요 · 해 주세요 · 해 주실래요? · 해 주시겠어요? — please give me / please do / would you do? / would you kindly do?

From everyday direct to more careful and deferential

아이스커피 한 잔 주세요.

아이스커피 한 잔 + 주세요 + . — One iced coffee, please.

먼저 물건을 요청할 때는 명사구 뒤에 주세요를 붙여요. For an item, put 주세요 after the noun phrase, like one iced coffee please.

명사구 + 주세요

명사구 + 주세요 — noun phrase + please give me

Natural for ordering or requesting an item

동사 어간 + -아/어 주세요

동사 어간 + -아/어 주세요 — verb stem + -아/어 주세요 = please do it

Not the dictionary form. 닫다 becomes 닫아 주세요.

문 좀 닫아 주세요.

문 + 좀 + 닫아 + 주세요 + . — Please close the door.

예를 들어, 닫다 has the stem 닫. Add 아, and you get 닫아 주세요, please close it.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
닫아 주세요	dada juseyo
사진 좀 찍어 주실래요?	sajin jom jjigeo jusillaeyo?
이거 확인해 주시겠어요?	igeo hwaginhae jusigesseoyo?

Self-Check

- 1 Say 해 주세요 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
해요체 Choosing Between Two Polite Styles	A2 Honorifics: compare 해요체 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-LVL-001
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네 Adding 요 to Single Words and Fragments to Sound Polite	A1 Honorifics: compare 네 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-HON-LVL-003
반존대 When Koreans Mix 요 and 반말 in One Breath	B1 Honorifics: compare 반존대 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-HON-LVL-002

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