



Korean Ladder Study Note

여기 앉으세요 / 이쪽으로 오세요

Politely Offering a Seat and Guiding an Elder

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Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-004>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Here is my worry. If I say 여기 앉으세요 to an older guest, does it sound polite, or does it sound like I am ordering them to sit?

좋은 질문이에요. 여기 앉으세요 can sound warm and polite when the situation is a seat offer and your voice is gentle.

But the same ending can feel too direct if your tone is sharp. So today, we will make the request sound like respectful guidance.

The pattern is 으세요 or 세요, shown as dash parentheses 으세요. It attaches to a verb to make a respectful request.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어서 오세요. —	Welcome. Please come in.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	안녕하세요. —	Hello.
Hana	이쪽으로 오세요. —	Please come this way.
Junho	네, 감사합니다. —	Yes, thank you.
Hana	여기 앉으세요. —	Please sit here.
Junho	고맙습니다. —	Thank you.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-(으)세요 -(eu)seyo	please do / please be so kind as to do	The pattern is 으세요 or 세요, shown as dash parentheses 으세요. It attaches to a verb to make a respectful request.
말투 + -(으)세요 maltu + -(eu)seyo	tone + respectful request ending	In English, you may hear please. In Korean, the politeness is mostly inside the verb ending and the voice tone.
앉다 → 앉으세요 anjda → anjeuseyo	to sit → please sit	If the verb stem has a final consonant, add 으세요. 앉다 becomes 앉으세요.
오다 → 오세요 oda → oseyo	to come → please come	If the verb stem has no final consonant, add 세요. 오다 becomes 오세요.
앉으세요 / 오세요 anjeuseyo / oseyo	please sit / please come	So 앉다 has a final consonant, so 앉으세요. 오다 has no final consonant, so 오세요.
여기 앉으세요 yeogi anjeuseyo	Please sit here.	First useful sentence. 여기 앉으세요. It means, please sit here, or please have a seat here.
이쪽으로 오세요 ijjogeuro oseyo	Please come this way.	Second useful sentence. 이쪽으로 오세요. It means, please come this way.
이쪽으로 ijjogeuro	this way / toward this side	이쪽 means this side or this direction. 으로 marks direction, like toward or to.



Grammar / Structure Notes

-(으)세요

-(으)세요 — please do / please be so kind as to do

A respectful request ending

말투 + -(으)세요

말투 + -(으)세요 — tone + respectful request ending

Both make the line feel gentle

앉다 → 앉으세요

앉다 → 앉으세요 — to sit → please sit

Final consonant: add -으세요

오다 → 오세요

오다 → 오세요 — to come → please come

No final consonant: add -세요

앉으세요 / 오세요

앉으세요 / 오세요 — please sit / please come

Choose 으세요 or 세요 by the verb stem

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
여기 앉으세요	yeogi anjeuseyo
앉으세요	anjeuseyo
이쪽으로 오세요	ijjogeuro oseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 여기 앉으세요 / 이쪽으로 오세요 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
Korean Honorifics 세요 and 께서	A2 Honorifics: compare Korean Honorifics with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-001
많이 드세요 / 살피 가세요 / 편히 계세요 Caring Honorific Send-Offs	A2 Honorifics: compare 많이 드세요 / 살피 가세요 / 편히 계세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-005
성함이 어떻게 되세요 Politely Asking Personal Questions	A2 Honorifics: compare 성함이 어떻게 되세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-003
식사하셨어요 Everyday Subject Honorific Phrases	A2 Honorifics: compare 식사하셨어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-SUB-002

My Notes

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