



Korean Ladder Study Note

여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요 / 조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다

Humbly Asking for Advice

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Honorifics Humble Forms	여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요 / 조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다 Humbly Asking for Advice

Study Links

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Core Idea

Okay, real confession. After class I walked up to my professor and said 어떻게 생각하세요? It felt polite. But her face went... careful.

그 말도 틀리진 않아요. 어떻게 생각하세요 is polite. But to a professor, it can jump straight to the question with no soft landing.

When you want guidance from a senior, Koreans often lower themselves first. Not 물어보다 — 여쭙보다. And they open with a cushion phrase.

오늘의 패턴이에요. 여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요. In English, there's something I'd like to ask you — said humbly and softly.

Conversation Snapshot



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 선생님, 여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요. —	Junho, there's something I'd like to ask you (humbly).
Junho	네, 편하게 말씀하세요. —	Sure, go ahead.
Hana	이 프로젝트 일정에 대해 조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다. —	I'd like to seek some advice about this project schedule.
Hana	그래서 일정을 어떻게 하면 좋을까요? —	So how should I handle the schedule?
Junho	그러면 먼저 마감일부터 정리해 보시면 좋을 것 같아요. —	Then I think it would be good to organize the deadline first.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요 yeojjwobogo sipeun ge inneundeyo	There's something I'd like to ask (humbly).	오늘의 패턴이에요. 여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요. In English, there's something I'd like to ask you — said humbly and softly.
조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다 joeon jom guhago sipseumnida	I'd like to seek some advice.	And the second keeper is 조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다. 조언 means advice. 구하다 means to seek. Together: I'd like to seek a little advice.
여쭙보다 → 조언 구하다 yeojjwoboda → joeon guhada	humbly ask → seek advice	So one phrase opens the door, and the other names what I want — advice — without sounding demanding.
묻다 → 여쭙다 mutda → yeojjupda	to ask → to ask humbly	핵심 동사는 여쭙다예요. 묻다 means to ask. 여쭙다 is the humble twin — you use it when the listener is above you.
주세요 vs 구하고 싶습니다 juseyo vs guhago sipseumnida	give me vs I wish to seek	Wait — so 조언 좀 주세요 is still polite, right? Why do people use 구하고 싶습니다 instead?
구하다 guhada	to seek / to look for	조언 좀 주세요 is still a normal polite request. 주세요 asks them more directly to give advice. 구하고 싶습니다 focuses on your wish to seek guidance, so it can sound more deferential and formal than 주세요.



Word	Meaning	Example
한 가지 여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요 han gaji yeojjwobogo sipeun ge inneundeyo	There's one thing I'd like to ask (humbly).	앞에 '한 가지'를 붙여도 자연스러워요. 한 가지 여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요. In English, there's one thing I'd like to ask.
어떻게 하면 좋을까요 eotteoke hamyeon joeulkkayo	What would be a good way to do it?	After the opener, then you ask. 어떻게 하면 좋을까요. In English, what would be a good way to do it? Soft question, not a quiz for the senior.



Grammar / Structure Notes

여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요

여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요 — There's something I'd like to ask (humbly).

Soft opener before the real question.

조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다

조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다 — I'd like to seek some advice.

Formal, respectful request for guidance.

여쭙보다 → 조언 구하다

여쭙보다 → 조언 구하다 — humbly ask → seek advice

Open soft, then state the request.

여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요

여쭙보고 + 싶은 + 게 + 있는데요 — There's something I'd like to ask (humbly).

먼저 들어 보세요. 여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요. 여쭙보고 is the humble ask. 싶은 게 means the thing I'd like to..., 여쭙보고 싶은 게 means something I'd like to ask (humbly). 있는데요 is a soft trailing opener — it leaves room and leads into the real ask.

문다 → 여쭙다

문다 → 여쭙다 — to ask → to ask humbly

여쭙보다 is the everyday humble asking form.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요	yeojjwobogo sipeun ge inneundeyo
여쭙	yeojjwo
조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다	joeon jom guhago sipseumnida
여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요. 조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다.	yeojjwobogo... joeon jom guhago...

Self-Check

- 1 Say 여쭙보고 싶은 게 있는데요 / 조언 좀 구하고 싶습니다 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
부탁드립니다 / 알려 주시면 감사하겠습니다 Humble Ways to Ask a Favor	B1 Honorifics: compare 부탁드립니다 / 알려 주시면 감사하겠습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-HON-HUM-001
도와드릴게요 / 여쭙봐도 될까요 나를 낮추는 기본 표현	A2 Honorifics: compare 도와드릴게요 / 여쭙봐도 될까요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-HON-HUM-002
드리다 / 뵙다 / 여쭙보다 Humble Forms That Show Respect	B2 Honorifics: compare 드리다 / 뵙다 / 여쭙보다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-HON-HUM-001
모시다 / 올리다 / 말씀 올리다 Elevated Humble Vocabulary	C1 Honorifics: compare 모시다 / 올리다 / 말씀 올리다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-HON-HUM-001

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