



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 경조사 예절

결혼식 · 장례식 봉투와 조의금

Level	Topic	Focus
B2 · Upper-Intermediate TOPIK 4	Culture Etiquette	경조사 예절 결혼식 · 장례식 봉투와 조의금

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## Core Idea

Okay, real talk. A Korean friend invites me to a wedding. How much cash do I put in the envelope — and is there actually a WRONG amount?

Same fear at a funeral. I'd be terrified of wearing the wrong thing or saying something clumsy to the family.

좋은 질문이에요. The key word today is 경조사. 경조사는 기쁜 일과 슬픈 일을 함께 가리켜요. In English, 경조사 means a family's happy AND sad events together — weddings and funerals.

그리고 봉투 안에 넣는 돈의 이름이 달라요. The money has two different names. 결혼식은 축의금, 장례식은 조의금이에요.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	결혼 축하합니다. —	Congratulations on your marriage.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	와 주셔서 감사합니다. —	Thank you for coming.
Hana	여기 축의금입니다. —	Here is the gift money.
Junho	감사합니다. 식사하고 가세요. —	Thank you. Please stay and eat.
Junho	삼가 고인의 명복을 빕니다. —	I sincerely pray for the deceased's peaceful rest.
Hana	와 주셔서 감사합니다. —	Thank you for coming.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
경조사 gyeong-jo-sa	happy & sad family events (weddings, funerals)	좋은 질문이에요. The key word today is 경조사. 경조사는 기쁜 일과 슬픈 일을 함께 가리켜요. In English, 경조사 means a family's happy AND sad events together — weddings and funerals.
축의금 / 조의금 chuk-ui-geum / jo-ui-geum	wedding gift money / condolence money	그리고 봉투 안에 넣는 돈의 이름이 달라요. The money has two different names. 결혼식은 축의금, 장례식은 조의금이에요.
축의금을 내요 chuk-ui-geum-eul nae-yo	I give the wedding gift money	먼저 결혼식이에요. 결혼식에서 내는 돈은 축의금이라고 해요. In English, the money you give at a wedding is called 축의금.
조의금을 내요 jo-ui-geum-eul nae-yo	I give the condolence money	장례식에서는 조의금을 내요. At a funeral you give 조의금. 부의금이라고도 해요 — it's also called 부의금. 같은 뜻이에요.
축 결혼 chuk gyeol-hon	Congratulations on your marriage (written on the front)	봉투는 보통 흰색이에요. The envelope is usually white for both. 결혼식 봉투 앞에는 '축 결혼' 같은 말을 써요.
부의 / 근조 bu-ui / geun-jo	condolence offering / deep mourning (written on the front)	장례식 봉투에는 '부의' 또는 '근조'라고 써요. On a funeral envelope you write 부의 or 근조. 보통 봉투에 이미 인쇄되어 있어요 — often it's already printed for you.
봉투 뒷면에 이름을 써요 bong-tu dwit-myeon-e i-reum-eul sseo-yo	Write your name on the back of the envelope	그리고 중요해요. 봉투 뒷면에는 본인 이름을 써요. Write YOUR name on the back, so the family knows who came.
홀수로 내요 hol-su-ro nae-yo	give in odd numbers (3, 5, 7)	정확해요. Now the money amount. 금액은 보통 홀수로 넣어요 — you usually give an ODD number: 3, 5, or 7 만 원.



# Grammar / Structure Notes

## 경조사

경조사 — happy & sad family events (weddings, funerals)

慶 happy + 弔 mourning + 事 events

## 축의금 / 조의금

축의금 / 조의금 — wedding gift money / condolence money

祝 congratulate vs 弔 condole

## 축의금을 내요

축의금을 내요 — I give the wedding gift money

내다 = to pay/give in

## 조의금을 내요

조의금을 내요 — I give the condolence money

조의금 = 부의금 (same meaning)

## 축 결혼

축 결혼 — Congratulations on your marriage (written on the front)

also 축 화혼 (祝華婚)

# Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
삼가 고인의 명복을 빕니다	sam-ga go-in-ui myeong-bo-geul bim-ni-da
명보글 빕니다	myeong-bo-geul bim-ni-da
결혼 축하합니다	gyeol-hon chuk-ha-ham-ni-da
추카	chuk-ha → chu-ka

# Self-Check

- 1 Say 경조사 예절 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
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두 손으로 주세요 Why Koreans Give and Receive with Two Hands	A1 Culture: compare 두 손으로 주세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-002</a>
신발 벗고 들어오세요 Shoes, Floors, and Korean Homes	A2 Culture: compare 신발 벗고 들어오세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-ETQ-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-ETQ-001</a>
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## My Notes

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