



Korean Ladder Study Note

# 드리다 / 뵙다 / 여쭙보다

## Humble Forms That Show Respect

Level	Topic	Focus
B2 · Upper-Intermediate TOPIK 4	Honorifics Humble Forms	드리다 / 뵙다 / 여쭙보다 Humble Forms That Show Respect

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### Core Idea

Okay, real question. I learned 주다 means 'to give.' So why did my Korean boss look surprised when I said 제가 줄게요 to her?

Wait, I do this too. I add 요 to everything and assume it's respectful. Isn't 줄게요 already polite?

요 makes it polite, that's true. But Korean has a second kind of respect — and that's what was missing.

There are two moves. One: you raise the listener — 높임. Two: you lower yourself — 낮춤. Today is the second one.

### Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	팀장님, 보고서 드릴게요. —	Manager, I'll give you the report (humbly).



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 고마워요. 하나 여쭙봐도 돼요? —	Yes, thanks. May I ask you something?
Junho	그럼요. 제가 답을 드릴게요. —	Of course. I'll give you the answer.
Hana	내일 회의에서 뵙겠습니다. —	I'll see you at the meeting tomorrow.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
두 가지 존댓말 du gaji jondaenmal	Two kinds of respect	요 makes it polite, that's true. But Korean has a second kind of respect — and that's what was missing.
낮춤말 (겸양어) natchummal (gyeomyangeo)	Humble speech — for your own actions	낮춤말, the humble forms, are special verbs you use only for your OWN actions toward someone you respect.
드리다 · 뵙다 · 여쭙보다 deurida · boepda · yeojjwoboda	give · meet/see · ask — humble versions	Today's three. 드리다 instead of 주다, 뵙다 instead of 보다, 여쭙보다 instead of 묻다.
선물을 드려요 seonmureul deuryeoyo	I (humbly) give a gift	First, 드리다. 주다 means 'to give.' 드리다 is the same meaning, but humble — when YOU give to someone you respect.
제가 드릴게요 jega deurilgeyo	I'll give it (to you), humbly	So to your boss: 제가 드릴게요. 'I'll give it to you' — but it lowers you, which honors her.
도와 드릴게요 dowa deurilgeyo	I'll help you (humbly)	There's a bonus. 드리다 also turns into a polite 'do for you.' 도와 드릴게요 — I'll help you.
V-아/어 드리다 V-a/eo deurida	do (a favor) for someone, humbly	Oh, so 드리다 isn't only for objects — it's 'I'll do this for you,' the humble way. That's everywhere.
내일 뵙겠습니다 naeil boepgesseumnida	I'll see you tomorrow (humbly)	Second word: 뵙다. Plain 보다 is 'to see,' and 만나다 is 'to meet.' 뵙다 is the humble 'to see/meet someone above you.'



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 두 가지 존댓말

두 가지 존댓말 — Two kinds of respect

Politeness level vs. who you raise or lower

### 높임 vs. 낮춤

높임 vs. 낮춤 — Raising the other vs. lowering yourself

Humble forms lower the speaker

### 낮춤말 (겸양어)

낮춤말 (겸양어) — Humble speech — for your own actions

Never for the other person's actions

### 드리다 · 뵙다 · 여쭙보다

드리다 · 뵙다 · 여쭙보다 — give · meet/see · ask — humble versions

Your action, aimed at someone above you

### 선물을 드려요

선물 + 을 + 드려요 — I (humbly) give a gift

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## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
보고서 드릴게요	bogoseo deurilgeyo
드릴게요	deurilgeyo
처음 뵙겠습니다	cheoeum boepgesseumnida
뵙겠습니다	boepgesseumnida

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 드리다 / 뵙다 / 여쭙보다 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
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>
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>
해라체 The Plain Style for Writing and News	B2 Honorifics: compare 해라체 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-HON-LVL-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-HON-LVL-001</a>
-(으)시- Adding the Honorific Infix to Any Verb	B1 Honorifics: compare -(으)시- with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-HON-SUB-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-HON-SUB-002</a>

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