



Korean Ladder Study Note

하시죠 / 하시지요

The Deferential Way to Suggest and Invite

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C1 · Advanced TOPIK 5	Honorifics Speech Levels	하시죠 / 하시지요 The Deferential Way to Suggest and Invite

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. How do I tell my boss 'please, have a seat' without sounding like I'm ordering him around?

그건 아주 좋은 질문이에요. That's the exact moment today's form saves you.

오늘의 핵심은 -시죠, -시지요예요. Today's pattern is the ending -시죠 / -시지요 — the deferential suggestion.

이건 명령이 아니예요. It doesn't command — it invites. 앉으시죠 means 'do have a seat,' offered with respect.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어서 오세요. 이쪽으로 앉으시죠. —	Welcome. Do have a seat over here.
Junho	네, 감사합니다. —	Yes, thank you.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	식사 먼저 하시죠. —	Please, do eat first.
Junho	그럼 잘 먹겠습니다. —	Then I'll enjoy it, thank you.
Hana	천천히 보시고, 편하게 말씀하시죠. —	Take your time, and do feel free to speak.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-시죠 / -시지요 -sijyo / -sijiyo	a gently offered, high-respect suggestion or invitation	오늘의 핵심은 -시죠, -시지요예요. Today's pattern is the ending -시죠 / -시지요 — the deferential suggestion.
앉으시죠 anjeusijyo	do have a seat (deferential invitation)	이건 명령이 아니예요. It doesn't command — it invites. 앉으시죠 means 'do have a seat,' offered with respect.
가시죠 gasijyo	shall we go / please go ahead	이동할 때는 가시죠. When it's time to move: 가시죠 — 'shall we go,' 'please go ahead.'
이쪽으로 오시죠 ijjogeuro osijyo	this way, please (come)	손님에게는 이렇게 해요. To a guest: 이쪽으로 오시죠 — 'this way, please.'
-(으)시- -(eu)si-	honorific infix — raises the subject you respect	맞아요. -(으)시- 는 주어를 높여요. -(으)시- lifts up the person doing the action — it's subject honorification.
쥬 jyo	softens a statement into a gentle 'shall we / let's, right?'	그리고 쥬 는 부드럽게 해요. And 쥬 softens the whole thing into a shared suggestion, not a demand.
지요 → 쥬 jiyo → jyo	the full 지요 contracts to 쥬 in speech	정확해요. 쥬 는 지요 의 준말이에요. Exactly. And remember, 쥬 is just the short form of 지요.
-시지요 -sijiyo	the fuller, weightier form for formal moments	격식 자리에서는 -시지요 가 더 무게 있어요. In very formal settings, the full -시지요 carries a touch more weight.



Grammar / Structure Notes

-시죠 / -시지요

-시죠 / -시지요 — a gently offered, high-respect suggestion or invitation

-시지요 is the full form; -시죠 is its everyday contraction

앉으시죠

앉으시죠 — do have a seat (deferential invitation)

warm, gracious — not an order

앉으시죠

앉 + 으시 + 죠 — do have a seat

구조를 볼까요. Let's see the build: 앉- plus 으시 plus 죠.

가시죠

가시죠 — shall we go / please go ahead

same warmth, used for leaving or moving together

이쪽으로 오시죠

이쪽으로 오시죠 — this way, please (come)

gracious guiding, common in service

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
앉으시죠	anjeusijyo
가시지요	gasijjiyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 하시죠 / 하시지요 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.

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