

# Korean Travel Key Phrases

A Phrasebook for Your First Trip to Korea

Café · Restaurant · Taxi & Subway · Shopping · Hotel · Emergencies



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🇰🇷 Welcome to Korea!

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# Greetings & Magic Words

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Learn these first — they work everywhere! Koreans will love that you try. 🗣️ = you say it, 👂 = you'll hear it.

🗣️	<b>안녕하세요!</b> <i>annyeong-haseyo</i>	Hello! (anytime of day)
🗣️	<b>감사합니다.</b> <i>gamsa-hamnida</i>	Thank you.
🗣️	<b>죄송합니다.</b> <i>joesong-hamnida</i>	I'm sorry. / Excuse me.
🗣️	<b>네. / 아니요.</b> <i>ne / aniyo</i>	Yes. / No.
🗣️	<b>괜찮아요.</b> <i>gwaenchanayo</i>	It's okay. / No, thank you.
🗣️	<b>저기요!</b> <i>jeogiyu</i>	Excuse me! (to get attention)
🗣️	<b>한국어를 잘 못해요.</b> <i>hangugeo-reul jal motaeyo</i>	I can't speak Korean well.
🗣️	<b>영어 할 수 있어요?</b> <i>yeongeo hal su isseoyo?</i>	Can you speak English?
🗣️	<b>안녕히 계세요.</b> <i>annyeonghi gyeseyo</i>	Goodbye. (you are leaving)
🗣️	<b>안녕히 가세요.</b> <i>annyeonghi gaseyo</i>	Goodbye. (they are leaving)

🌟 **The magic pattern: ~ 주세요 (*juseyo*) = "Please give me ~"**  
 이거 주세요 (this one, please) · 물 주세요 (water, please) · 영수증 주세요 (receipt, please) — you can survive a whole trip with 주세요!

## 1 2 3 4 Numbers & Money 숫자와 돈

Counting things	Counting people	Money (₩)
한 개 <i>han gae</i> — one (thing)	한 명 <i>han myeong</i> — 1 person	천 원 <i>cheon won</i> — ₩1,000
두 개 <i>du gae</i> — two	두 명 <i>du myeong</i> — 2 people	만 원 <i>man won</i> — ₩10,000
세 개 <i>se gae</i> — three	세 명 <i>se myeong</i> — 3 people	오만 원 <i>oman won</i> — ₩50,000

🗣️	<b>얼마예요?</b> <i>eolmayeyo?</i>	How much is it?
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### 👉 Yuna's Tip

Don't worry about being perfect — pointing + a smile + **주세요** opens every door in Korea. And bow your head slightly when you say **감사합니다!**



# At the Café

카페에서

Korea is café heaven ☕ — here's the exact conversation you'll have at the counter.

	<b>주문하시겠어요?</b> <i>jumun-hasigesseoyo?</i>	Would you like to order?
	<b>네, 아이스 아메리카노 한 잔 주세요.</b> <i>ne, aiseu amerikano han jan juseyo</i>	Yes, one iced americano, please.
	<b>따뜻한 카페라떼 한 잔 주세요.</b> <i>ttatteutan kape-latte han jan juseyo</i>	One hot café latte, please.
	<b>사이즈는요?</b> <i>saijeu-neun-yo?</i>	What size?
	<b>그란데 사이즈요.</b> <i>geurande saijeu-yo</i>	Grande size, please.
	<b>드시고 가세요? 테이크아웃이세요?</b> <i>deusigo gaseyo? teikeuaut-iseyo?</i>	For here, or to go?
	<b>먹고 가요.</b> <i>meokgo gayo</i>	For here.
	<b>테이크아웃요.</b> <i>teikeuaut-yo</i>	To go, please.
	<b>더 필요한 거 있으세요?</b> <i>deo piryohan geo isseuseyo?</i>	Anything else?
	<b>없어요. 괜찮아요.</b> <i>eopseoyo. gwaenchanayo</i>	No, that's all, thank you.
	<b>영수증 드릴까요?</b> <i>yeongsujeung deurillkayo?</i>	Would you like a receipt?
	<b>아니요, 괜찮아요.</b> <i>aniyo, gwaenchanayo</i>	No, I'm fine.
	<b>와이파이 비밀번호가 뭐예요?</b> <i>waipai bimilbeonho-ga mwoyeyo?</i>	What's the Wi-Fi password?

🌟 **Build your order like LEGO:**  
 아이스 + 아메리카노 + 그란데 사이즈 + 한 잔 + 테이크아웃 + 요!  
 (iced) + (americano) + (grande size) + (one cup) + (to go) + (politeness!)

**Yuna's Tip**  
 After you order, staff will hand you a **진동벨** (jindongbel, buzzer). When it rings and vibrates, go pick up your drink. Also — "아아" (a-a) is Korean slang for iced americano!



# At the Restaurant

식당에서

From walking in to paying the bill — in order, just like a real meal. 🍽️

💡	<b>몇 분이세요?</b> <i>myeot bun-iseyo?</i>	How many people?
💬	<b>두 명이예요.</b> <i>du myeong-ieyo</i>	Two people.
💡	<b>이쪽으로 앉으세요. / 편하신 곳에 앉으세요.</b> <i>ijjok-euro anjeuseyo / pyeonhasin gose anjeuseyo</i>	Sit over here. / Sit anywhere you like.
💬	<b>저기요~ 사장님~</b> <i>jeogiyo~ sajangnim~</i>	Excuse me~! (calling staff)
💬	<b>메뉴판 좀 주세요.</b> <i>menyupan jom juseyo</i>	Menu, please.
💬	<b>이거 뭐예요?</b> <i>igeo mwoyeyo?</i>	What is this?
💡	<b>주문하시겠어요?</b> <i>jumun-hasigesseoyo?</i>	Are you ready to order?
💬	<b>비빔밥 하나 주세요.</b> <i>bibimbap hana juseyo</i>	One bibimbap, please.
💬	<b>삼겹살 2인분 주세요.</b> <i>samgyeopsal i-inbun juseyo</i>	Two portions of pork belly, please.
💬	<b>소주 한 병 주세요. / 콜라 하나 주세요.</b> <i>soju han byeong juseyo / kolla hana juseyo</i>	A bottle of soju / a coke, please.
<p>🌟 <b>Ordering formula:</b> Food name + how many + 주세요          김밥 하나 주세요 · 떡볶이 2인분 주세요 · 불고기 3인분 주세요          * For meat (BBQ), use <b>인분</b> (inbun) = portions: 1인분, 2인분, 3인분</p>		
💬	<b>물 좀 주세요. / 물티슈 좀 주세요.</b> <i>mul jom juseyo / multisyu jom juseyo</i>	Water / wet wipes, please.
💬	<b>김치 좀 더 주세요.</b> <i>kimchi jom deo juseyo</i>	More kimchi, please.
💬	<b>덜 맵게 해 주세요.</b> <i>deol maepge hae juseyo</i>	Less spicy, please.
💬	<b>화장실 어디예요?</b> <i>hwajangsil eodiyeoyo?</i>	Where is the bathroom?
💡	<b>나가서 왼쪽이에요. 비밀번호는 여기 적혀 있어요.</b> <i>nagaseo oenjjok-ieyo. bimilbeonho-neun yeogi jeokhyeo isseoyo</i>	Go out and turn left. The door code is written here.
💬	<b>너무 맛있어요!</b> <i>neomu masisseoyo!</i>	It's so delicious!
💬	<b>계산할게요.</b> <i>gyesan-halgeyo</i>	I'd like to pay, please.



## 🍷 Yuna's Tip

Side dishes (반찬) and water are **free** — and refills are free too, so ask with confidence! No tipping in Korea. Many tables have a **call bell** (호출벨) — just press it instead of shouting. You usually pay at the counter, not at the table.



# Taxi, Subway & Bus

교통수단

Getting anywhere in Korea is easy — one pattern for taxis, one card for everything else. 🚗

## 🚗 In the Taxi 택시에서

🌟 **Taxi formula:** Place + 가 주세요 (ga juseyo) = "Please go to ~"



명동 가 주세요.

*myeongdong ga juseyo*

To Myeongdong, please.



명동 롯데 호텔 가 주세요.

*myeongdong lotte hotel ga juseyo*

To Lotte Hotel Myeongdong, please.



남산타워 가 주세요.

*namsan-tawo ga juseyo*

To Namsan Tower, please.



얼마나 걸려요?

*eolmana geollyeoyo?*

How long does it take?



여기서 세워 주세요.

*yeogiseo sewo juseyo*

Please stop here.



영수증 주세요.

*yeongsujeung juseyo*

Receipt, please.

## 🚇 Subway & Bus 지하철과 버스



지하철역이 어디예요?

*jihacheol-yeok-i eodiyeyo?*

Where is the subway station?



이 버스 명동에 가요?

*i beoseu myeongdong-e gayo?*

Does this bus go to Myeongdong?



잠시만요, 내릴게요!

*jamsimanyo, naerilgeyo!*

Excuse me, I'm getting off!



티머니 카드 하나 주세요.

*timeoni kadeu hana juseyo*

One T-money card, please.



충전해 주세요.

*chungjeon-hae juseyo*

Please charge (top up) my card.



몇 번 출구예요?

*myeot beon chulgu-yeyo?*

Which exit number is it?



### 👛 Yuna's Tip

Buy a **T-money card** (티머니) at any convenience store — it works on subways, buses, AND taxis nationwide.

Subway exits are numbered (출구 1, 2, 3...), so directions in Korea often sound like "Meet me at exit 4!" For

taxis, the **Kakao T** app is what locals use.



# Shopping

쇼핑할 때

From Myeongdong cosmetics to traditional markets — shop like a pro. 🛍️

...	<b>이거 있어요?</b> <i>igeo isseoyo?</i>	Do you have this?
💡	<b>네, 있어요. / 없어요.</b> <i>ne, isseoyo / eopseoyo</i>	Yes, we have it. / We don't have it.
...	<b>이게 마음에 들어요.</b> <i>ige ma-eum-e deureoyo</i>	I like this one.
...	<b>입어 봐도 돼요?</b> <i>ibeo bwado dwaeyo?</i>	Can I try it on?
...	<b>더 큰 사이즈 있어요? / 더 작은 사이즈 있어요?</b> <i>deo keun saijeu isseoyo? / deo jageun saijeu isseoyo?</i>	Do you have a bigger / smaller size?
...	<b>이거 주세요.</b> <i>igeo juseyo</i>	I'll take this one.
...	<b>얼마예요?</b> <i>eolmayeyo?</i>	How much is it?
💡	<b>오만 원이에요.</b> <i>oman won-ieyo</i>	It's 50,000 won.
...	<b>카드 돼요?</b> <i>kadeu dwaeyo?</i>	Do you take cards?
...	<b>택스 리펀 돼요?</b> <i>taekseu ripeon dwaeyo?</i>	Can I get a tax refund?
💡	<b>네, 여권 주세요.</b> <i>ne, yeogwon juseyo</i>	Yes, your passport, please.
...	<b>봉투 주세요.</b> <i>bongtu juseyo</i>	A bag, please.
...	<b>깎아 주세요~</b> <i>kkakka juseyo~</i>	Please give me a discount~ (markets only!)



## 👛 Yuna's Tip

Look for the **TAX FREE** sign and carry your passport — many shops refund the tax right at the register.

Bargaining (깎아 주세요) only works at traditional markets like Namdaemun, never in regular stores. Plastic bags usually cost ₩100-500, so reusable bags are handy!



# At the Hotel

호텔에서



**체크인 해 주세요.**

*chekeu-in hae juseyo*

Check-in, please.



**체크아웃 해 주세요.**

*chekeu-aut hae juseyo*

Check-out, please.



**체크아웃 시간이 언제예요?**

*chekeu-aut sigan-i eonjeyeyo?*

When is check-out time?



**조식 시간이 언제예요?**

*josik sigan-i eonjeyeyo?*

When is breakfast?



**가방 맡길 수 있어요?**

*gabang matgil su isseoyo?*

Can I leave my bags here?



**수건 좀 가져다주세요.**

*sugeon jom gajeoda-juseyo*

Please bring me some towels.



**와이파이 비밀번호가 뭐예요?**

*waipai bimilbeonho-ga mwoyeyo?*

What's the Wi-Fi password?



**레이트 체크아웃 돼요?**

*leiteu chekeu-aut dwaeyo?*

Is late check-out possible?



**방이 너무 추워요. / 더워요.**

*bang-i neomu chuwoyo / deowoyo*

The room is too cold. / too hot.



# At the Convenience Store

편의점에서



봉투 필요하세요?

*bongtu piryohaseyo?*

Do you need a bag?



네, 주세요. / 아니요, 괜찮아요.

*ne, juseyo / aniyo, gwaenchanayo*

Yes, please. / No, thanks.



빨대 있어요?

*ppaldae isseoyo?*

Do you have straws?



이거 어디 있어요?

*igeo eodi isseoyo?*

Where can I find this?



전자레인지 어디 있어요?

*jeonja-reinji eodi isseoyo?*

Where is the microwave?



## Yuna's Tip

Korean convenience stores (GS25, CU, 세븐일레븐) are a travel experience! Look for **1+1** or **2+1** tags — buy one (or two), get one free. Need your food hot? There's a **microwave (전자레인지)** in the store — you heat it up yourself, self-service! Most stores also have a counter where you can eat your ramyeon right there. 🍜



# Help & Emergencies

도움이 필요할 때

Hopefully you'll never need these — but knowing them makes you feel safe. 🙏

… 도와주세요! <i>dowa-juseyo!</i>	Help me, please!
… 길을 잃었어요. <i>gireul ireosseoyo</i>	I'm lost.
… 여기가 어디예요? <i>yeogi-ga eodiyeyo?</i>	Where am I?
… 천천히 말해 주세요. <i>cheoncheonhi malhae juseyo</i>	Please speak slowly.
… 다시 한번 말해 주세요. <i>dasi hanbeon malhae juseyo</i>	Please say that again.
… 약국이 어디예요? <i>yakguk-i eodiyeyo?</i>	Where is a pharmacy?
… 배가 아파요. / 머리가 아파요. <i>bae-ga apayo / meori-ga apayo</i>	My stomach / head hurts.
… 휴대폰을 잃어버렸어요. <i>hyudaepon-eul ireobeoryeosseoyo</i>	I lost my phone.

☎ Number	What it's for
112	Police 경찰
119	Fire & Ambulance 소방·구급차
1330	Korea Travel Hotline — English help 24/7, free! 🌟

## ★ If you only remember 10 phrases...

안녕하세요!	<i>annyeong-haseyo</i>	Hello!
감사합니다.	<i>gamsa-hamnida</i>	Thank you.
죄송합니다.	<i>joesong-hamnida</i>	I'm sorry. / Excuse me.
괜찮아요.	<i>gwaenchanayo</i>	It's okay. / No, thanks.
이거 뭐예요?	<i>igeo mwoyeyo?</i>	What is this?
이거 주세요.	<i>igeo juseyo</i>	This one, please.
얼마예요?	<i>eolmayeyo?</i>	How much is it?
저기요!	<i>jeogiyo</i>	Excuse me!
~ 가 주세요.	<i>ga juseyo</i>	Please take me to ~.
도와주세요!	<i>dowa-juseyo!</i>	Help me, please!

여행 잘 하세요! Have a wonderful trip! 🇰🇷

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