HOW TO ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT AND GET IT
Learn to Get Your Way by Making Polite Requests in Korean

“Your wish is my command.” That statement has a nice ring to it, doesn’t it?

We’d all like to get what we wish for. Imagine begin able to say the right words, and suddenly you get exactly what you want. Well, today that’s exactly what we are going to learn how to say in Korean!

In the Konglish lesson, you learned some vocabulary that you already knew, but didn’t know you knew! Then in the Haves and Have-nots lesson, you learned how to ask if someone has those items. In this lessons you’re going to be able to take it one step further. Now you’ll be able to politely request those items!
One thing that’s really interesting about Korean versus English is the way you show that you’re being polite. Let’s say that in English, you want to ask for some coffee. If you were being polite, you could say:

“Can I have some coffee, please?”

Mom would be proud of those manners!

Korean is slightly different.

Instead of asking a question like that, Koreans would usually make a polite command. They would use the expression:

noun + 주세요 (Please give me noun)

It may sound a little strong to a non-native Korean speaker, but it’s actually quite polite and common.

The sentence ending “주세요” translates to “please give me.” It’s going to come in handy in a number of situations, so its definitely a good one to have in your toolbelt!

Make sure you’ve got the pronunciation down!

Here’s a quick breakdown to help out.
How can we remember this phrase? Let’s make a picture! Imagine you are craving juice so bad, you will do anything to get it! You reach out your hand, and shout for someone to PLEASE GIVE YOU JUICE!

“주스 주세요!”

“Ju-seu ju-se-yo.” It’s like a tongue twister! Try to say it 10 times fast, you won’t be able to forget it afterwards!
Now, let's see how this all fits together.

Imagine that you’re hitting the town with our friends, and you want to find a good restaurant. None of your friends speak any Korean. However, you’ve already completed the 90 Minute Challenge, the Konglish vocabulary, and the Haves and Have-nots lesson, so you can lead the group!

As you enter the restaurant, the host greets you and asks you some questions in Korean. You want to see what kind of food this place has, so the interaction sounds a little like this:

**AT THE RESTAURANT:**

YOU: 메뉴 있어요? (Do you have a menu?)
HOST: 메뉴 있어요. (We have a menu.)
YOU: 메뉴 주세요. (Please give me a menu.)
HOST: 한국 말 잘 하시네요! (You speak Korean very well!)

As you look through the menu, try reading the Korean characters to see if there are foods you recognize. If there are pictures, try covering them at first and see if you can sound out what they are! Your friends will appreciate your newfound Korean skills, and you will now be able to ask for things everywhere you go.

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Let’s try one more situation. Remember the vitamins at the pharmacy from last lesson? Well, we know they have them. This time let’s ask for them—politely, of course!

**AT THE PHARMACY:**

YOU: 비타민 없어요? (Do you not have vitamins?)

PHARMACIST: 비타민 있어요. (We do have vitamins.)

YOU: 비타민 주세요. (Please give me vitamins.)

Excellent!

If you are feeling brave, then let’s enhance your 주세요 abilities with one of it’s closely related POWER-UPS!

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You can’t walk down a street in Korea for more than a few minutes without seeing a taxi. That’s a good thing! They’re clean, convenient, and relatively inexpensive. However, most of the drivers aren’t fluent in English. Showing you know a little bit of Korean will go a long way. If you’re looking to have a conversation in Korean, taxi drivers are great people to chat with!

When you hop in a taxi in Korea, you can tell the driver this phrase:

**location에 가 주세요** (Please go to location)

SOUNDS LIKE

“_____ae ga ju-say-yo"

You feel like shopping...

**명동에 가 주세요** (Please go to Myeongdong)
You want to see some sights...

청계천에 가 주세요 (Please go to Chyeonggye Stream)

You’re in the mood for some good international food...

이태원역에 가 주세요 (Please go to Itaewon Station)

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Let’s break this down a bit:

**locations에 가 주세요**

This should be some kind of landmark that the taxi driver can easily know. Some examples are subway stations, train stations, bus stations, intersections, airports, lakes, parks, or rivers. Some places in Korea sound similar, so make sure you sound out your pronunciation clearly!

"에" means “to"

"가" is a verb meaning "go".

Plus, there are plenty more “power-ups” you can add to this phrase in different scenarios to get your wishes to come true.

You’ve come a long way in a short time, so pat yourself on the back! You’ve got some great things to talk about in Korean, so make sure you get out there and practice them!

So you’ve seen our teaching methods in the Hangeul Hacks, but the journey doesn’t need to end here! We want to get you to your Korean learning goals in the least amount of time possible.

Let’s talk about what makes 90 Day Korean different!

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THE 90 DAY KOREAN PRINCIPLES

- Association
- Selection
- Simplification
- Sequencing
- Accountability
- Adherence

These are the principles that 90 Day Korean was founded upon. In order to achieve functional fluency in Korean in the shortest amount of time possible, however, selection really is the most important factor.

In language learning, the ‘what’ of your studies is much more important than the ‘how.’ In other words, the materials (what you choose to study) is much more important than the method (how you choose to study).

Choosing the right materials is key. From there, we can build a solid foundation and help speed up the learning process. Therefore, we’ve simplified everything in the 90 Day Korean Inner Circle right down to the last drop.

In doing so, we made use of the 80/20 Principle.

The 80/20 Principle is a law written by Vilfredo Pareto, where he showed that 80% of the wealth in a given society was held by 20% of the population. The law was also found to hold up in areas outside of economics. For example,
Pareto noticed that in his garden, 80% of the peas were being produced by only 20% of the peapods.

The 80/20 Principle in general can be summarized as: 80% of the results come from 20% of the effort.

Therefore in language learning, it’s important to select the most important and relevant materials and focus on the 20% that give 80% of the results.

One way to do this is to take a look at the most frequently used Korean words and phrases. In each 80/20 Vocabulary lesson, we’ve carefully selected the most commonly used words – the 20% that will be used 80% of the time. Material selection is most important. Then, once we have the materials properly selected, then we can refine the method. Using psychology, we can better encode the material so that it sticks better, and present it in the right order so that we make deep associations along the way.

We have lots of tools for you in the Inner Circle to make use of along your journey but we strongly emphasize that you only need to make use of what works for you.

That’s a big part of the reason our course has earned a special nickname...
A “CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE” FOR LANGUAGE LEARNERS

We at 90 Day Korean like to do things a little different from the norm, and we know you do too. That’s why we get along. We have so much in common!

A lot of what we offer differs from what’s out there in the world already. We’re more than proud to show you what we have in store for you if you join up to be a member of the Inner Circle.

MAIN LESSON TYPES

1. FundaMentals

   These lessons cover the critical parts of the Korean language that you need to drill yourself on. The content contains materials and knowledge that must be practiced and requires more focused study time. Practice makes perfect!

2. Plug ‘n Play Pieces

   Plug ‘n Play Pieces lessons teach concepts or language components that you can go out and use immediately. These lessons take less focus, can be consumed in a sitting, and then used immediately afterwards.

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3. Pen to Paper

These are writing-themed lessons. They will become more commonplace later on after we have achieved our basic goals of communicating in everyday Korean and wish to move on to a bigger challenge. We'll start quite early on by learning to write and type in Korean, so there are some Pen to Paper lessons to look forward to in the near future!

4. Read’nRight

Read’nRight lessons aim to accomplish one of two things: 1) teaching basic reading and pronunciation skills for the Korean language or 2) giving focused passages related to your interests — news, music, sports, dramas or something else entirely! Like the Pen to Paper lessons, the latter will be introduced once your skills have advanced to that point.

VOCABULARY 2.0

90 Day Korean’s vocabulary lessons are not just the same old stuff you find on the internet.

These lessons are “Version 2.0” and have psychology built in so you learn the words fast. Let’s catch you up to speed with the different vocabulary lesson types:

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1. **80/20 Vocabulary**

In learning anything, there are the components that you *need to know*, and those that are *nice to know*. The 80/20 Vocabulary lessons really help take the guesswork out of vocabulary study because they narrow in on the most essential nouns, verbs and descriptive words in Korean — the 20% that make 80% of the difference.

**HOW IT WORKS**

Let’s face it, learning new words in Korean can be tough. It’s easy to get them mixed up! The lessons are broken down into five parts so that you *really* come out of the lesson knowing the new words and ingraining them with relative ease. Those five steps are:

1. **Review**
2. **Association**
3. **Recognition**
4. **English Recall**
5. **Total Recall**

As you progress through the steps, the words are naturally memorized and associated with words you already know. Remember, only complete the steps you wish to. Some of our members find it best just to review the new words in the beginning and go through step one. Then, they may wish to come back at a later...
time and go through a few of the other steps to help memorize the words when they’re ready. Make use of what you find most beneficial for your learning. The world is your oyster!

2. Flash Vocabulary

Flash Vocabulary is vocabulary that can be learned in a split-second — or in a flash. A lot of us are under the belief that learning new words in a foreign language takes a lot of time and focused study. These lessons show that isn’t necessarily true and that we can build our vocabulary up quite rapidly in the beginning with words that are adapted from English or that already sound familiar to us.

HOW IT WORKS

The Flash Vocabulary lessons are broken down into three steps. The words themselves are easy enough to learn since they are so similar to words we already know in English, but the hardest part is achieving Korean-like pronunciation. Therefore, the lessons take you through these steps:

1. Learn
2. Ingrain
3. Recall

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The Ingrain step is what makes these lessons unique — the focus is switched to listening and proper pronunciation. After that is accomplished, we can learn the proper spelling of the word based on how it is pronounced in Korean.

Again, feel free to go through only the first step if that is enough for you. You’re in charge!

3. XPress Phrases

The XPress Phrases vocabulary lessons teach you critical Korean phrases that are necessary to learn early on in your Korean language learning journey. The focus of the lessons remains on teaching the common expressions and not necessarily learning all of the grammatical points behind them. Sometimes it’s just best to memorize and then understand later.

That being said, we don’t leave you totally in the dark. Each phrase is broken down and explained in detail as well in case you want to know why they are what they are.

4. ThematicLingo by 90DK

For those that want to go above and beyond, we’ll send out ThematicLingo lessons from time to time. You can

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review them if you wish, or come back to them at a later time!

Yes, we learn the most critical 20% of the language in our 80/20 vocabulary lessons, but sometimes it’s important to learn situation-specific words.

Each ThematicLingo lesson is based on a theme: Adventure, travel, shopping malls... anything goes! You’ll learn vocabulary words that all revolve around that central theme and be exposed to words that you otherwise may never have been. Learn the ones you want and leave the ones that you don’t. But most importantly, have fun with it!

INSIDE THE TOOLKIT

Straight from the 90 Day Korean Toolkit come some of the most beneficial tools for learning Korean fast. Print them out at any point during your studies if you find them helpful.

Inside, you’ll find the following tools:

خدام

A Personal Dictionary

Record all the words you come across in a personal dictionary broken down by word type.

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A Blank Slate

A blank whiteboard for drawing, doodling and brainstorming any associations that come to mind when learning new words or phrases.

BrainSync

An association dictionary you can use to jot down the associations you come up with for later review.

Drill Time

Test yourself on any set of words you learned. Just write either the English or Korean, then go down the list and test your recall.

WHAT ELSE?

But wait, there’s more!

You’ll need to know how to make use of the following:

Quicklaunch Roadmap

Each week get a roadmap for navigating the lessons. Never be lost again, just follow along and go through the materials in the order indicated in the Quicklaunch Roadmap.
The Lost Challenges

Complete fun challenges and get points for doing so. What could be more fun than that?

FINAL THOUGHTS

So, now you’ve met the family of lessons we have to offer!

In our program, you can pick and choose which materials you wish to make use of. For example, if making visual associations isn’t your thing, skip out on that part. Do it your way! If you just want to learn the 80/20 Vocabulary words and don’t feel like going through the five steps, only go as far as you like.

The program is a Choose Your Own Adventure, and you’re the main character!

We also give you coaching and accountability along the way to make sure you stick to your goals, and stories and associations to make sure the lessons stick in your mind!

Thanks again for checking out the Hangeul Hacks series, and hope to see you again soon!

-The 90 Day Korean Team

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