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KOREAN LESSON

Basic Conversation 1 · Chapter 9 · Shopping & Prices

🛍️ Shopping & Prices — 쇼핑

*In this chapter you learn to ask how much something costs, understand a price in **won (원)**, point at things with **이거 / 그거 / 저거**, talk about size and colour, and ask for a discount at a market. Prices use **Sino-Korean numbers**, the same ones as in Chapter 3 and for minutes in Chapter 7.*

eo = ㅓ (short, open "uh") **eu** = ㅡ (unrounded "oo") **ae** = ㅐ (like the vowel in "bed")

[ ] = how the word is actually said, where it differs from the spelling

① How Much Is It? — 이거 얼마예요?

손님:

저기요, 이거 얼마예요?

Jeogiyo, igeo eolmayeyo?

Excuse me, how much is this?

점원:

삼천 원이에요.

Samcheon wonieyo.

It's 3,000 won.

손님:

그럼 두 개 주세요.

Geureom du gae juseyo.

Then two, please.

점원:

육천 원입니다.

Yukcheon wonimnida.

That's 6,000 won.

② Too Expensive? — 좀 비싸요

손님:

이 가방 얼마예요?

I gabang eolmayeyo?

How much is this bag?

점원:

삼만 오천 원이에요.

Samman ocheon wonieyo.

35,000 won.

손님:

좀 비싸요. 더 싼 거 있어요?

Jom bissayo. Deo ssan geo isseoyo?

That's a bit expensive. Do you have a cheaper one?

점원:

네, 이건 이만 원이에요.

Ne, igeon iman wonieyo.

Yes, this one is 20,000 won.

③ Size and Colour — 다른 색 있어요?

④ At the Market — 깎아 주세요

손님:

이 티셔츠, 다른 색 있어요?

I tisyeocheu, dareun saek isseoyo?

This T-shirt: do you have another colour?

점원:

검은색이랑 흰색 있어요.

Geomeunsaegirang huinsaek isseoyo.

We have black and white.

손님:

흰색으로 주세요. 좀 커요. 작은 거 있어요?

Huinsaegeuro juseyo. Jom keoyo. Jageun geo isseoyo?

White, please. It's a bit big. Do you have a smaller one?

손님:

사과 얼마예요?

Sagwa eolmayeyo?

How much are the apples?

상인:

한 봉지에 오천 원이에요.

Han bongjie ocheon wonieyo.

5,000 won a bag.

손님:

두 봉지 살게요. 좀 깎아 주세요.

Du bongji salgeyo. Jom kkakka juseyo.

I'll buy two bags. Please give me a little discount.

상인:

그럼 구천 원에 드릴게요.

Geureom gucheon wone deurilgeyo.

Then I'll give them to you for 9,000.

⑤ Paying (formal) — 카드로 계산해도 돼요?

손님:

카드로 계산해도 돼요?

Kadeuro gyesanhaedo dwaeyo?

May I pay by card?

점원:

네, 됩니다. 봉투 필요하십니까?

Ne, doemnida. Bongtu piryohasimnikka?

Yes, you can. Do you need a bag?

손님:

네, 주세요. 영수증도 부탁합니다.

Ne, juseyo. Yeongsujeungdo butakhamnida.

Yes, please. And a receipt, please.

⑥ Two Friends (casual) — 이거 어때?

A:

이거 어때? 예쁘지?

Igeo eottae? Yeppeuji?

How about this? Pretty, isn't it?

B:

응, 예뻐. 얼마야?

Eung, yeppeo. Eolmaya?

Yeah, it's pretty. How much is it?

A:

만 원이야. 싸다!

Man woniya. Ssada!

10,000 won. Cheap!

💴 Money and Prices — 원

The Korean currency is the **won (원)**. A price is a **Sino-Korean number + 원**. The important big units are **천** (1,000) and **만** (10,000). Korean counts in units of 10,000, not 1,000: 100,000 is **십만** ("ten ten-thousands"). Say 1,000 as **천** and 10,000 as **만** (not "일천" or "일만").

PRICE	KOREAN	SAY IT
500 won	오백 원	*o-baek won*
1,000 won	천 원	*cheon won*
3,500 won	삼천오백 원	*sam-cheon-o-baek won*
5,000 won	오천 원	*o-cheon won*
10,000 won	만 원	*man won*
15,000 won	만 오천 원	*man o-cheon won*
35,000 won	삼만 오천 원	*sam-man o-cheon won*
100,000 won	십만 원	*sim-man won*

👉 This, That, and That Over There — 이거 · 그거 · 저거

MEANING	KOREAN	BEFORE A NOUN	WHERE
this (near me)	이거 *igeo*	이 가방 *i gabang*	여기 here
that (near you)	그거 *geugeo*	그 가방 *geu gabang*	거기 there
that over there (far from both)	저거 *jeogeo*	저 가방 *jeo gabang*	저기 over there

이거, **그거** and **저거** are the everyday short forms of 이것, 그것 and 저것.

🎨 Colours and Sizes — 색, 크기

ENGLISH	KOREAN	SAY IT	ENGLISH	KOREAN	SAY IT
black	검은색	*geo-meun-saek*	big	커요	*keo-yo*
white	흰색	*hin-saek*	small	작아요	*ja-ga-yo*
red	빨간색	*ppal-gan-saek*	expensive	비싸요	*bi-ssa-yo*
blue	파란색	*pa-ran-saek*	cheap	싸요	*ssa-yo*
yellow	노란색	*no-ran-saek*	pretty	예뻐요	*ye-ppeo-yo*

🔑 Key Phrases — 중요한 표현

SITUATION	POLITE	CASUAL
How much is this?	이거 얼마예요? *igeo eolmayeyo?*	이거 얼마야? *igeo eolmaya?*
Too expensive	좀 비싸요 *jom bissayo*	좀 비싸다 *jom bissada*
Do you have another/cheaper one?	다른 거 / 더 싼 거 있어요? *dareun geo / deo ssan geo isseoyo?*	다른 거 있어? *dareun geo isseo?*
A little discount, please	좀 깎아 주세요 *jom kkakka juseyo*	좀 깎아 줘 *jom kkakka jwo*
May I pay by card?	카드로 계산해도 돼요? *kadeuro gyesanhaedo dwaeyo?*	카드 돼? *kadeu dwae?*
I'll take it	이거 살게요 *igeo salgeyo*	이거 살게 *igeo salge*

🔤 Three Verbs You Can Already Use — 동사

VERB	EVERYDAY POLITE (-요)	FORMAL (-ㅂ니다)	CASUAL
to buy (사다)	사요 *sayo*	삽니다 *samnida*	사 *sa*
to need (필요하다)	필요해요 *piryohaeyo*	필요합니다 *piryohamnida*	필요해 *piryohae*
to be OK; to become (되다)	돼요 *dwaeyo*	됩니다 *doemnida*	돼 *dwae*

📖 Vocabulary — 어휘

#	KOREAN	SAY IT	ENGLISH	TYPE
1	얼마	*eol-ma*	how much	question word
2	원	*won*	won (Korean currency)	noun
3	천	*cheon*	thousand	number
4	만	*man*	ten thousand	number
5	가격	*ga-gyeok*	price	noun
6	시장	*si-jang*	market	noun
7	편의점	*pyeo-nui-jeom*	convenience store	noun
8	가방	*ga-bang*	bag	noun
9	봉투	*bong-tu*	(shopping) bag; envelope	noun
10	색	*saek*	colour	noun
11	이거	*i-geo*	this (thing)	pronoun

#	KOREAN	SAY IT	ENGLISH	TYPE
12	그거	*geu-geo*	that (thing)	pronoun
13	저거	*jeo-geo*	that over there	pronoun
14	비싸다	*bi-ssa-da*	to be expensive	adj.
15	싸다	*ssa-da*	to be cheap	adj.
16	크다	*keu-da*	to be big	adj.
17	작다	*jak-tta*	to be small	adj.
18	사다	*sa-da*	to buy	verb
19	깎다	*kkak-tta*	to cut; to give a discount	verb
20	다른	*da-reun*	other; different	adj.

When You May Bargain

좀 깎아 주세요 ("a little discount, please") works at traditional markets and street stalls, especially if you buy several items, and is much more welcome with a smile. In department stores, malls and chain shops prices are fixed, so do not try it there. Buying more helps: 두 개 사면 할인돼요? ("is there a discount if I buy two?"). You can repeat a price back to check it: 삼만 원이요? ("30,000 won?").

Hear a Price

Staff often speak fast and drop the 원: 삼만 오천 is already "35,000". Listen for the big words **천** and **만** first, then the numbers around them. A common trap is 30,000 versus 3,000: 삼만 vs 삼천.

As Heard in Dramas — 드라마에서

Characters shopping together say **이거 어때?** ("how about this?") and **예쁘다!**. Someone paying for everyone says **내가 낼게** ("I'll pay"). A shopkeeper might call a customer **손님** and an older woman

customer **어머님** (literally "mother"); a stall owner you want a discount from is a good time for an **사장님**, as in Chapter 6.

Grammar Pointer

The Sino-Korean numbers and 원 are covered in Korean Grammar 1, chapter 9. The -아/어요 verb endings (사요, 필요해요) are in Korean Grammar 1, chapter 6, and -(으)ㄹ게요 and the permission pattern -아/어도 돼요? are touched on in Korean Grammar 1, chapter 10.

✍️ Try It Yourself — 연습

Say each answer out loud first, then click to check.

1. Ask how much "this" costs, politely.

▼ Show answer

이거 얼마예요?

2. Read these prices aloud: 2,000 won; 12,000 won; 45,000 won.

▼ Show answer

이천 원; 만 이천 원; 사만 오천 원.

3. Say "That's a bit expensive. Do you have a cheaper one?"

▼ Show answer

좀 비싸요. 더 싼 거 있어요?

4. At a market, ask for a little discount.

▼ Show answer

좀 깎아 주세요.

5. Ask if you may pay by card.

▼ Show answer

카드로 계산해도 돼요?

6. Which would you use to point at something far from both of you: 이거, 그거 or 저거?

▼ Show answer

저거.