



Lesson 3: Please

주세요

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson, we'll go over the swiss army knife of phrases. You'll hear this phrase over and over again. It's used in so many different ways and forms; it's essential to the Korea-traveler.

Let's say you're in a restaurant and you see all these delicious looking items on the menu. How do you order? To start, let's go over the rudimentary point and "this please." "This please" in Korean is "igeo juseyo" (이거 주세요). The first word "igeo" means "this." The second part of the phrase "juseyo" is the word for give, but in this context it's used much like the English "please." Altogether, the phrase literally means "this, give" or "this, please."

Now if you see a poster outside, or see another patron eating something that looks delicious, we can point and say "that please." "That please" in Korean is "geugeo juseyo" (그거 주세요). The first word, "geugeo," means "that." The second half of the phrase "juseyo" once again means "give" or "please." Altogether the phrase literally means "that, give" or "that, please."

Lastly, if you know what you want, and don't even have to look at the menu, you can say what you want and add "juseyo" at the end. If you want some kimchi, you can simply say "kimchi juseyo" (김치 주세요). Literally, this is "kimchi, give" or "kimchi, please."

If you don't know what kimchi is, it's salted and spiced Chinese cabbage. It's massaged with tons of spices, and left in a jar with some water. After it's left alone to ferment for a few days, it's good to eat. It may sound a little unappetizing, but boy is it addicting. A Canadian friend of mine got addicted to kimchi. He literally had to have it every meal. If he didn't, he always felt like something was missing. He would eat kimchi with pizza, hamburgers, chicken, and anything else. It was a must have at the table.

PHRASES

Hangul	Romanized	English
이거 주세요.	igeo juseyo.	This please.
그거 주세요.	geugeo juseyo.	That please.

VOCABULARY

Hangul	Romanized	English
이거.	igeo.	This.

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주다 (주세요).	juda (juseyo).	To give.
그거.	geugeo.	That.
김치 주세요.	kimchi juseyo.	Kimchi please.
김치.	kimchi.	Kimchi.

QUICK TIP

"Juseyo" literally means "to give." But it can be used to request things from someone, not just items. You can request a taxi driver to go somewhere for you. You can ask your parents to make dinner for you. You can ask a friend to call you. That's why this phrase can be interpreted as "please." To form that request, "juseyo" is used in conjunction with other verbs. The grammar of this is beyond the level of this lesson, but the point is that there's so many different ways "juseyo" can be used.

You'll be hearing the phrase over and over again throughout these Survival Phrases. So be sure to remember it!