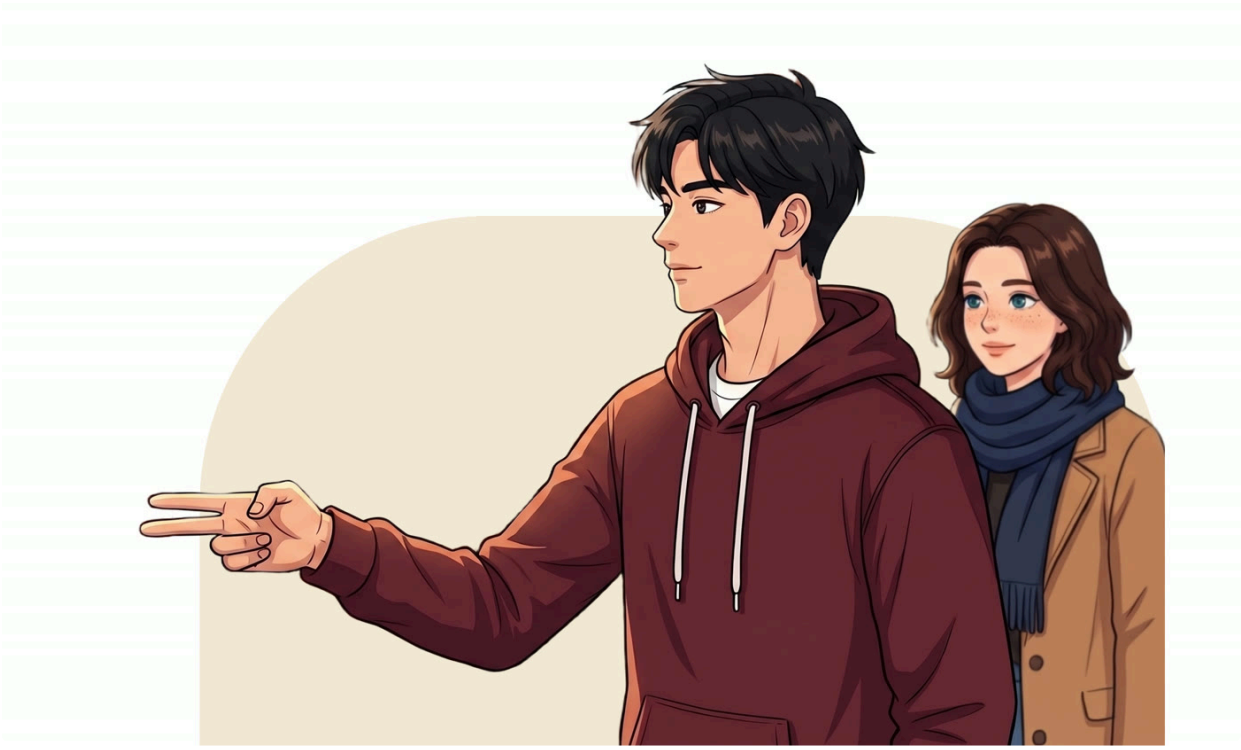
EASY KIND KOREAN

Lv.1 · Ep.1

커피, 하나.

First morning, first meeting





After this episode you can

Order at a Korean café — 14 words, 3 ways to order: 커피, 하나. · 저거, 둘. · 아니요.

This is Daniel Han. Twenty-seven, from Los Angeles. Now he's in Seoul, for one year of work. His first morning. He needs coffee. How hard can that be?

Name _____ Date _____

Daniel

His grandmother came from Korea. His parents speak only English. Everything is in Korean. He can't read a word. He nods anyway.

Emily

Three years in Korea, an English teacher. Her Korean is good. She has one rule: in Korea, try it in Korean first.

1. The story, line by line

Read along after you watch. Daniel's lines in red are today's Korean. The other lines are just to enjoy — you'll learn them later.

Scene 1 · First morning

Sumi	**어서 오세요! 처음 오셨죠? 뭐 드릴까요? 아메리카노 괜찮으세요?**	Welcome! First time, right? What can I get you? Americano okay?
Sumi	**손님? 한국 분이시죠?**	Sir? You're Korean, right?
Emily	**커피, 하나.**	Coffee, one.
Daniel	**커피... 하나.**	Coffee, one.
Sumi	**네! 커피 하나!**	Yes! One coffee!

Scene 2 · Bread? Cake?

Sumi	**빵도 하나 드릴까요? 이거 오늘 아침에 나온 거예요!**	Bread too? Fresh this morning!
Emily	**(아니요.)**	(no sound — just her lips: No.)
Daniel	**아니요.**	No.
Sumi	**아, 네~**	Oh, okay~
Daniel	**...저거, 하나.**	That one, one.
Sumi	**케이크요? 네!**	The cake? Sure!

Scene 3 · Emily's Korean

Sumi	**주문... 하시겠어요? 커피?**	Your... order? Coffee?
Emily	**네, 저도 커피요. 따뜻한 걸로 한 잔 주세요.**	Yes, coffee for me too. A hot one, please.
Sumi	**어머, 한국어 잘하시네요!**	Oh my, your Korean is great!
Daniel	**커피, 둘.**	Coffee, two.
Emily	**...어?**	...Huh?

Sumi	아, 같이 계산하시는 거예요?	Oh, paying together?
Daniel	...네.	...Yes.
Sumi	손님 커피는 따뜻한 거요, 아이스요?	Yours hot or iced?
Daniel	...네.	...Yes.
Emily	따뜻한 거요.	Hot, please.

2. Today's 14 words

Fourteen words. Three ways to order. That's a whole café.

Korean	meaning	Korean	meaning
커피	coffee	하나	one
차	tea	둘	two
우유	milk	셋	three
주스	juice	이거	this one — something you can touch
물	water	저거	that one — over there
빵	bread	네	yes
케이크	cake	아니요	no

3. Three ways to order

Here's the trick: the thing first, then how many.

[무엇], [몇].	THING, NUMBER	커피, 하나. · 우유, 둘. · 주스, 셋.
이거 / 저거, [몇].	POINT	이거, 하나. · 저거, 둘. Ordering from a wall menu? Koreans say 저거.
네. / 아니요.	ANSWER	When someone offers you something: 네 — yes. 아니요 — no. Short and polite. Careful — if you don't understand the question, don't just say 네.

Today's shortcut. The thing, then how many.

No "please," no grammar. At a café, that's enough. Not rude — with a smile, everyone understands you. Koreans often add 요: 커피, 하나요. Hold up your fingers too — even in a noisy café, they see the number.

4. Your turn — say it, then write it

Look at the situation and order in Korean. Say it out loud first, then write it on the line. The answers are at the end.

1
Two cups of tea.

2
One bottle of water.

3
A cup right in front of you. Point and order one.

4
Something on the wall menu, far away. Order two.

5
The clerk offers you milk. You want it.

6
The clerk offers you bread. You only want coffee.

Now you're Daniel.

Sumi talks fast. You only need two words.

7
Order one coffee.

8
The cake on the wall menu. Order two.

9
Sumi offers you bread. You only want coffee.

Try it for real

You just ordered in Korean. Daniel took a whole morning. At a Korean café, try two words and one finger: 커피, 하나.

Answers

1. 차, 둘. · 2. 물, 하나. · 3. 이거, 하나. · 4. 저거, 둘. · 5. 네. · 6. 아니요. · 7. 커피, 하나. · 8. 저거, 둘. · 9. 아니요.

Next: Same street. Every morning.