Addressing people in various situations

Class objective: I will be able to address people in various situations.

Concept A: Introduction

Korea has an intense age hierarchy, where younger people are more polite and deferential to older people, even if the age gap is only a few years. As an American, I'm just used to calling everyone by just their first name, or Mr./Ms. + their last name if I'm being polite. In Korea, it's not socially acceptable to do either of those things!

I've amassed the most important ways to address someone below.

There are two forms of speaking korean:

반말 is the more informal version of talking to people and is used when you're talking to someone the same age or younger than you, or someone you're familiar with(i.e

friends and family).

존댓말 is used in more polite situations when you're talking to people older than you,

co-workers, strangers, etc.

Concept B: Addressing people in various situations:

First name + \mathbb{M} – This is your all-around way to address someone. \mathbb{M} is the Korean Mr./Ms. (It's gender-neutral) honorific so it's a pretty safe bet for anyone whose age you're not sure about. To use it, tack it on to the end of someone's first name. For

Kiha, it would look like 기하세.

First name + 0; – This is used the same way as \mathbb{A} , but it denotes someone who is close to you. You can only use the suffix 0; towards your close friends (but not someone older than you) or your significant other. One grammar note – If the person's name ends in a vowel, it will stay ya (like 기하아) but if it ends in a

consonant, it will become just 'ah' (like 앨리슨아).

Profession + 님 **–** This term works like sshi, except it only goes at the end of someone's title or profession, thus making it a polite way of addressing someone. For example, an athlete might call their coach 코치님, which is just the Konglish

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