

Greetings

Class objective:

To be able to use the basic and essential greetings in Korean language,

Concept A: The different levels of speech

- In the Korean language, there are four main levels of formality. They are: informal, familiar, formal, and honorific.
- **Informal** is for when we speak with friends, family, and younger ones or those of lesser seniority.
- **Familiar speech** is for when we speak with people we know, but not very well. This level of speech allows for social distance (you aren't saying you're higher or lower than them), and it's pretty neutral and polite.
- **Formal speech** is used with strangers or in formal situations, such as introducing yourself. You would use this with people who are older than you or higher seniority.
- **Honorific speech** isn't actually spoken much in daily life, except in very formal situations at work. The most common instance you would hear this style is during news broadcasts.
- It's important to know these levels of formality so when you learn the phrases below, you know when to use them correctly and why there are variations for the same thing.

Concept B: Saying 'hello' (Annyeong hada-안녕하다)

Honorific way:

안녕하십니까 (*Annyeong Hasibnikka*) – “Hello. Have a good day”

Formal way:

여보세요 (*Yeoboseyo*) – “Hello”

Familiar way:

안녕하세요 (*Annyeong Haseyo*) – “Hello”

Informal way:

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