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Natural Korean for Cafés, Restaurants & Convenience Stores

24 real-life dialogues with native-checked expressions and audio (Beginner)

Audio: each dialogue has a natural-speed track and a slow track.

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ordering an iced americano to go

staff 어서 오세요. 주문하시겠어요?
Welcome. Are you ready to order?

staff 드시고 가세요?
Is that for here?

staff 네, 사천오백 원입니다.
Okay, that's 4,500 won.

staff 앞에 꽂아주세요.
Please insert it in front.

you 아이스 아메리카노 한 잔이요.
One iced americano, please.

you 아니요, 테이크아웃이요.
No, to go, please.

you 카드로 할게요.
I'll pay by card.

Textbook → Natural

아이스 아메리카노를 한 잔 주십시오.

↓ just say

아이스 아메리카노 한 잔이요.

At a counter, people usually drop the verb and just name the item with '-이요'. The '-십시오' form sounds like an announcement.

저는 가져고 가겠습니다.

↓ just say

테이크아웃이요.

'테이크아웃' is the everyday word for 'to go' in cafés, and a one-word answer is perfectly polite here.

Key expressions

- ☐ 주문하시겠어요?
Would you like to order?
- ☐ 한 잔이요
One cup, please
- ☐ 드시고 가세요?
Is it for here?
- ☐ 테이크아웃이요
To go, please

Polite vs. casual

polite 드시고 가세요?

casual 여기서 먹고 갈 거야?

Staff asking a customer vs. a friend asking you.

culture tip

Many cafés ask "for here or to go?" early, partly because rules discourage disposable cups for customers who stay inside. To pay, you usually insert your card's IC chip into the reader in front of you rather than tapping it. If you're already holding your card, staff often just say "앞에 꽂아주세요" (please insert it in front) before you say anything.

