

LESSON 6

This is ..., What is this?

이거 ..., 이거 뭐예요?



After studying with this lesson, you will be able to say “This is ABC” and also ask “Is this ABC?” and “What is this?” in polite/formal Korean.

In the previous lesson, you learned how **-이에요** and **-예요** can be placed after a noun to express the meaning of “It is ABC” or “I am DEF”.

Conjugation:

Final consonant + **-이에요**
[i-e-yo]

No final consonant (Only vowel) + **-예요**
[ye-yo]

Sample Sentences

책 + **-이에요** = 책이에요. = It's a book.
[chæk] [i-e-yo] [chæk-gi-e-yo]

저 + **-예요** = 저예요. = It's me.
[jeo] [ye-yo] [jeo-ye-yo]

***-이에요** and **-예요** have a similar role to that of the English verb “to be”.

How to say "THIS"

이거 = this, this one

이 ("this") + 것 ("thing") = 이것 → 이거
 [i] [geot] [i-geot] [i-geo]

이거 can be found in the dictionary as 이것, which is originally how it was spelled and pronounced, but over time, people began using 이거 for ease of pronunciation.
 [i-geo] [i-geot] [i-geo]

Sample Sentences

책이에요. = It's a book.
 [chae-gi-e-yo.]

이거 책이에요. = This is a book.
 [i-geo chae-gi-e-yo.]

카메라예요. = It's a camera.
 [ka-me-ra-ye-yo.]

이거 카메라예요. = This is a camera.
 [i-geo ka-me-ra-ye-yo.]

커피예요. = It's coffee.
 [keo-pi-ye-yo.]

이거 커피예요. = This is coffee.
 [i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo.]

사전이에요. = It's a dictionary.
 [sa-jeo-ni-e-yo.]

이거 사전이에요. = This is a dictionary.
 [i-geo sa-jeo-ni-e-yo.]



이거 뭐예요? = What is this?

In Lesson 5, we introduced the question "뭐예요?" which means "What is it?" in Korean. You can add "이거" in front of "뭐예요?" to ask "What is this?"
 [i-geo] [mwo-ye-yo?]



Sample Conversations

A: 이거 뭐예요? = What is this?

[i-geo mwo-ye-yo?]

B: 이거 마이크예요. = This is a microphone.

[i-geo ma-i-keu-ye-yo.]

A: 이거 뭐예요? = What is this?

[i-geo mwo-ye-yo?]

B: 이거 핸드폰이에요. = This is a cellphone.

[i-geo haen-deu-po-ni-e-yo.]

A: 이거 뭐예요? = What is this?

[i-geo mwo-ye-yo?]

B: 이거 물이에요. = This is water.

[i-geo mu-ri-e-yo.]

A: 이거 뭐예요? = What is this?

[i-geo mwo-ye-yo?]

B: 이거 커피예요. = This is coffee.

[i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo.]

Do you remember how to say “No”?

Sample Conversation

A: 이거 커피예요? = Is this coffee?

[i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo?]

B: 아니요. 이거 물이에요. = No. This is water.

[a-ni-yo, i-geo mu-ri-e-yo.]

Do you remember how to say “Yes, that’s right”?

Sample Conversation

A: 이거 커피예요? = Is this coffee?

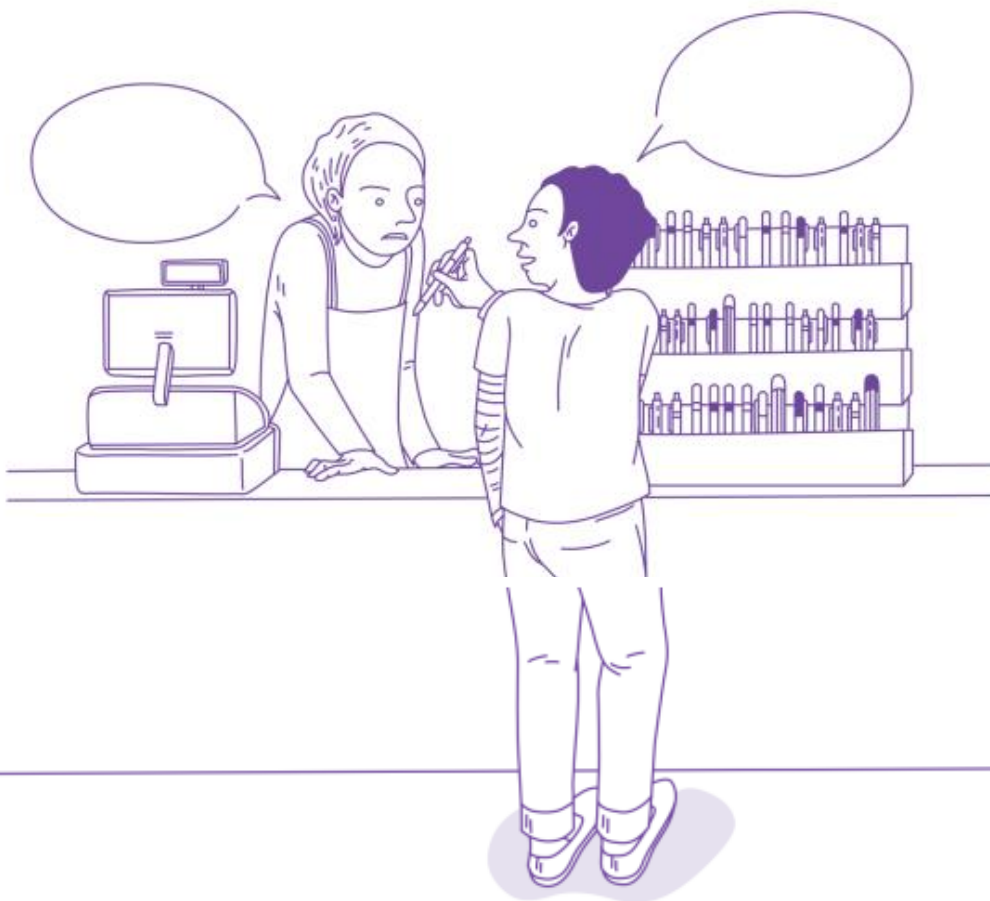
[i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo?]

B: 네. 맞아요. 이거 커피예요. = Yes, that’s right. This is coffee.

[ne. ma-ja-yo, i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo]

Sample Dialogue

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A: 이거 볼펜이에요?

[i-geo bol-pe-ni-e-yo?]

B: 아니요. 샤프예요.

[a-ni-yo. sya-peu-ye-yo.]

A: 이거는요? 볼펜이에요?

[i-geo-neun-nyo? bol-pe-ni-e-yo?]

B: 네. 볼펜 맞아요.

[ne. bol-pen ma-ja-yo.]

A: Is this a ballpoint pen?

B: No. It is a mechanical pencil.

A: How about this? Is it a ballpoint pen?

B: Yes, that is a ballpoint pen.

✎ Exercise for Lesson 6

1. How would you say "what is this?" in polite/formal Korean?

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2. Translate "this is a book" to Korean using polite/formal speech.

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Fill in the blanks with a Korean word to make the Korean and English sentences have the same meaning.

3. () 커피예요?

= Is this coffee?

4. () () 커피예요.

= Yes, that's right. This is coffee.

5. () 물이에요.

= No. It's water.