

LEVEL 1 LESSON 6

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.

이에요 / 예요 [i-e-yo / ye-yo]

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

Review / Example

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

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

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

Final consonant + **이에요** [i-e-yo]

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

이거 [i-geo] = this, this one

이 [i] (“this”) + **것** [geot] (“thing”) = **이것** [i-geot] --> **이거** [i-geo]

이거 [i-geo] is originally **이것** [i-geot] and it is a combination of **이** [i] (“this”) and **것** [geot] (“thing”) but it is often used as just **이거** [i-geo] for the ease of pronunciation.

Sample Sentences

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

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

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

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

이거 뭐예요? [i-geo mwo-ye-yo?] = What is this?

In Level 1 Lesson 5, we introduced the question, 뭐예요? [mwo-ye-yo?] and it means “What is it?” You can add 이거 [i-geo] in front of it to ask “What is this?”

이거 뭐예요? [i-geo mwo-ye-yo?] = What is this?

이거 핸드폰이에요. [i-geo haen-deu-pon-i-e-yo] = This is a cellphone.

이거 뭐예요? [i-geo mwo-ye-yo?] = What is this?

이거 물이에요. [i-geo mul-i-e-yo] = This is water.

이거 뭐예요? [i-geo mwo-ye-yo?] = What is this?

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

Do you remember how to say “No”?

이거 커피예요? [i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo?] = Is this coffee?

아니요. 이거 물이에요. [a-ni-yo. i-geo mul-i-e-yo] = No. This is water.

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

이거 커피예요? [i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo?] = Is this coffee?

네. 맞아요. 이거 커피예요. [ne. ma-ja-yo. i-geo keo-pi-ye-yo] = Yes, that’s right. This is coffee.