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Eating alone in Korea? Look for these three signs.

A Seoul local's tips for spotting the places that make eating alone easy, what to say at the door, and the few dishes that are made for sharing.

SIGN 1

Bar seats

A row of seats facing the counter or the wall. Places built like this usually expect solo eaters.

SIGN 2

One serving on the menu

1인분

il-in-bun · one serving

If the menu prices dishes per 1인분, you can usually order just one.

SIGN 3

A kiosk or a table tablet

You order on a screen (some have an English option), so ordering alone is easy.

BONUS

"Solo dining OK"

혼밥 가능

hon-bap ga-neung · eating alone OK

Some shops post this on the door or menu.

HEADS-UP

"Two servings minimum"

2인분 이상

i-in-bun i-sang · from two servings

Some barbecue and hot pot places start at two servings. Those dishes are made for sharing, it's not about you. Pick another place, or order two and take the rest to go if they allow it.

Not sure? Show this

Tap a card to show it full screen.

한 명이요

han myeong-iyo

Just one, please.

혼자인데 1인분도 돼요?

hon-ja-in-de il-in-bun-do dwae-yo?

I'm alone. Can I order one serving?

바 자리 괜찮아요

ba ja-ri gwaen-chan-a-yo

A bar seat is fine.

남은 거 포장 돼요?

na-meun geo po-jang dwae-yo?

Can I take the rest to go?