



Korean Ladder Study Note

몰라 / 싫어 / 그만해

친구에게 짧게 거절하고 반응하기

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Colloquial Banmal (Casual)	몰라 / 싫어 / 그만해 친구에게 짧게 거절하고 반응하기

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-BAN-006>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBO_EtIG6FQ

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Core Idea

Okay, real problem: my friend keeps teasing me, and I want to say stop — but 그만하세요 feels weirdly formal. And if I say 싫어, do I sound rude?

좋은 질문이에요. With a close friend, Koreans often use short banmal: 몰라, 싫어, 하지 마, 그만해. In English, these are quick friend reactions — not full polite speeches.

Today's pattern is simple. Short friend pushbacks: 몰라, 싫어, 하지 마, 그만해. Same closeness, less distance — but tone still matters.

이게 중요한 이유예요. Friends don't always need long explanations. One short line can refuse, stop teasing, or shut a topic gently.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	야, 오늘 노래방 갈래? —	Hey, wanna go karaoke today?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	싫어. 나 피곤해. —	Nah. I'm tired.
Hana	에이, 한 시간만. —	Come on, just one hour.
Junho	몰라. 나중에 생각해. —	Dunno. I'll think later.
Hana	그럼 내 사진 올리면 돼? —	Then can I post my photo of you?
Junho	하지 마. 그건 진짜 싫어. —	Don't. I really don't like that.
Hana	장난이야, 장난. —	Just kidding, kidding.
Junho	야, 그만해. —	Hey, stop it.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
몰라 · 싫어 · 하지 마 · 그만해 molla · silheo · haji ma · geumanhae	dunno / don't wanna / don't / stop it (casual)	Today's pattern is simple. Short friend pushbacks: 몰라, 싫어, 하지 마, 그만해. Same closeness, less distance — but tone still matters.
짧은 반말 반응 jjalbeun banmal baneung	short casual reactions between friends	이게 중요한 이유네요. Friends don't always need long explanations. One short line can refuse, stop teasing, or shut a topic gently.
몰라요 → 몰라 mollayo → molla	I don't know (polite → casual)	먼저 몰라요. 친구끼리는 몰라라고 해요. In English, it means I don't know — or sometimes, not my problem, depending on tone.
몰라 molla	dunno / I don't know (casual)	들어 보세요. 몰라. One short word. Soft dunno energy.
싫어요 → 싫어 silheoyo → silheo	I don't like it / I don't want to (casual)	다음은 싫어요. 친구끼리는 싫어라고 해요. In English, that means I don't like it, or I don't want to.
싫어 silheo	I don't like it / I don't want to (casual)	들어 보세요. 싫어. Soft refusal. Not a speech — just a clear no.
하지 마세요 → 하지 마 haji maseyo → haji ma	don't do that (polite → casual)	그리고 하지 마세요는 하지 마가 돼요. In English, don't do that. You're stopping an action.



Word	Meaning	Example
하지 마 haji ma	don't (do that) (casual)	들어 보세요. 하지 마. Soft stop. You're saying don't do that action.



Grammar / Structure Notes

몰라 · 싫어 · 하지 마 · 그만해

몰라 · 싫어 · 하지 마 · 그만해 — dunno / don't wanna / don't / stop it (casual)

close friends only — soft voice keeps them friendly

짧은 반말 반응

짧은 반말 반응 — short casual reactions between friends

fast, close, and tone-sensitive

몰라요 → 몰라

몰라요 → 몰라 — I don't know (polite → casual)

soft = unsure; sharp = dismissive

몰라

몰라 — dunno / I don't know (casual)

들어 보세요. 몰라. One short word. Soft dunno energy.

싫어요 → 싫어

싫어요 → 싫어 — I don't like it / I don't want to (casual)

use for taste or willingness

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
그만해	geumanhae
몰라	molla
싫어	silheo
하지 마	haji ma

Self-Check

- 1 Say 몰라 / 싫어 / 그만해 three times: slow, natural, then inside a short sentence.
- 2 Write one original sentence that was not in the video.
- 3 Rewatch the YouTube lesson and pause when the same pattern appears.

Related / Subsequent Studies



Lesson	Why study it next	Link
고마워 / 미안 / 괜찮아 친구끼리 주고받는 반말 인사	A1 Colloquial: compare 고마워 / 미안 / 괜찮아 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-BAN-004
밥 먹었어 Everyday Casual Questions Among Friends	A1 Colloquial: compare 밥 먹었어 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-BAN-002
안녕 / 잘 가 / 뭐 해 친구끼리 반말 첫걸음	A1 Colloquial: compare 안녕 / 잘 가 / 뭐 해 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-BAN-001
-거든 / -잖아 반말 설명하고 상기시키는 casual 말투	B1 Colloquial: compare -거든 / -잖아 반말 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-BAN-002

My Notes

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