



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 아싸 / 파이팅 / 화이팅

## Cheer and Encouragement Sounds

| Level                    | Topic                             | Focus                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| A1 · Beginner<br>TOPIK 1 | Colloquial<br>Fillers & Reactions | 아싸 / 파이팅 / 화이팅<br>Cheer and Encouragement Sounds |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-011>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsaUNFPcluo>

Visit koreanladder.com for all free lessons

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## Core Idea

My friend has an interview tomorrow. Can I say 아싸 to mean good luck?

그럴 때는 파이팅이 좋아요. For that moment, 파이팅 works better. You're supporting your friend, not celebrating a result.

So I need two buttons: hooray, and you've got this.

오늘은 짧은 응원 표현을 배워요. Today we're learning short cheers. 아싸 celebrates something welcome. 파이팅 encourages effort.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean             | Meaning                           |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Junho   | 나 내일 시험이야.<br>—    | I have an exam tomorrow.          |
| Hana    | 파이팅. 잘할 수 있어.<br>— | You've got this. You can do well. |



| Speaker | Korean            | Meaning         |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Junho   | 고마워.<br>—         | Thanks.         |
| Junho   | 우리 팀 이겼어.<br>—    | Our team won.   |
| Hana    | 아싸, 우리가 이겼다.<br>— | Hooray, we won. |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word           | Meaning                        | Example                                                                             |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 파이팅<br>paiting | An encouragement cheer         | 표준 표기는 파이팅이에요. The standard spelling is 파이팅. 화이팅 is a very common everyday variant. |
| 아싸<br>—        | Cheer and Encouragement Sounds | 좋아요. 가운데 쌍시옷을 또렷하게 내세요. Good. Keep the double consonant crisp rather than soft. 아싸. |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 파이팅!

파이팅! — You can do it!

Encourage someone facing a challenge.

### 아싸! / 파이팅!

아싸! / 파이팅! — Yes! Hooray! / You can do it!

Choose by what you want the reaction to do.

### 파이팅! / 화이팅!

파이팅! / 화이팅! — You can do it! / Let's go!

Same encouragement meaning; different common forms.

### 파이팅

파이팅 — An encouragement cheer

Standard spelling: 파이팅. Common variant: 화이팅.

### 아싸!

아싸! — Yes! Hooray!

The next examples use casual speech, not polite listener-directed sentences.

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase | How to practice |
|--------|-----------------|
| 아싸!    | assa            |
| 파이팅!   | paiting         |
| 화이팅!   | hwaiting        |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 아싸 / 파이팅 / 화이팅 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                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 네 / 아니요 / 맞아요<br>Natural Korean Reactions                             | A1 Colloquial: compare 네 / 아니요 / 맞아요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.  | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-001</a> |
| 네네 / 예예<br>Doubling Yes to Soften Agreement                           | A1 Colloquial: compare 네네 / 예예 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.        | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-010">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-010</a> |
| 아 / 오 / 헐 / 어머<br>First Korean Interjections for Surprise and Feeling | A1 Colloquial: compare 아 / 오 / 헐 / 어머 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-003">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-003</a> |
| 아하 / 오호 / 흠<br>Beginner 'I See' and Thinking Sounds                   | A1 Colloquial: compare 아하 / 오호 / 흠 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.    | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-005">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-005</a> |

## My Notes

Your ladder to fluent Korean. This PDF, the website, and the video lessons are free for personal study.