



Korean Ladder Study Note

잠깐만요

Buying Time in Beginner Korean Chat

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Colloquial Texting	잠깐만요 Buying Time in Beginner Korean Chat

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-TXT-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82CEbzPQKQ4>

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Core Idea

I got a message, but I cannot reply properly yet. Can I say 곧 답할게요 just to be polite?

좋은 질문이에요. ‘곧 답할게요’는 정말 곧 답할 수 있을 때 써요. It is a real promise that your reply will come soon.

오늘의 핵심은 메시지를 봤다고 먼저 알리고, 가능한 시간만 약속하는 거예요. Today, acknowledge the message and promise only the timing you can keep.

답을 조금만 기다려 달라고 할 때는 이렇게 말할 수 있어요. 잠깐만요, 곧 답할게요. It means, “One moment, please. I’ll reply soon.”

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 저녁에 통화할 수 있어요? —	Can you talk on the phone this evening?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	메시지 봤어요. 지금은 일정을 확인하기 어려워요. 확인하고 답할게요. —	I saw your message. It is difficult to check my schedule right now. I'll check and reply.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
메시지 봤어요 mesiji bwasseoyo	I saw your message.	오늘의 핵심은 메시지를 봤다고 먼저 알리고, 가능한 시간만 약속하는 거예요. Today, acknowledge the message and promise only the timing you can keep.
잠깐만요 jamkkanmanyoyo	One moment, please. 요 is a politeness particle.	잠깐은 “a moment”이에요. 만 is “only,” and 요 here is a politeness particle, 보조사. It is not a verb ending.
잠깐 jamkkan	Buying Time in Beginner Korean Chat	좋아요. ‘잠깐’의 쌍기역은 된소리로 또렷하게 발음하세요. 기억 소리처럼 약하게 내지 마세요. Pronounce the 쌍기역 in 잠깐 clearly as a tense kk sound. Do not replace it with the plain g sound.



Grammar / Structure Notes

메시지 봤어요

메시지 봤어요 — I saw your message.

A quick, polite acknowledgment.

잠깐만요, 곧 답할게요.

잠깐만요, 곧 답할게요. — One moment, please. I'll reply soon.

Use this when you genuinely expect to reply shortly.

메시지 봤어요.

메시지 봤어요. — I saw your message.

A natural text acknowledgment.

잠깐만요

잠깐 + 만 + 요 — One moment, please. 요 is a politeness particle.

잠깐은 “a moment”이에요. 만 is “only,” and 요 here is a politeness particle, 보조사. It is not a verb ending.

곧 답할게요.

곧 답할게요. — I'll reply soon.

Say this only when the timing is realistic.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
잠깐만요, 곧 답할게요.	jamkkanmanyoyo, got daphalgeyo.
잠깐	jamkkan
잠깐만요	jamkkanmanyoyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 잠깐만요 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
ㅋ / ㅎ / ㅋㅋ Your First Korean Chat Reactions	A1 Colloquial: compare ㅋ / ㅎ / ㅋㅋ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-TXT-001
첫 카톡 어떻게 보내요 Opening a Chat Thread Naturally	A1 Colloquial: compare 첫 카톡 어떻게 보내요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-TXT-002
ㄷㄷ / ㄹㅇㅋ / ㄴㅏ Reaction Consonants in Fast Chat	B2 Colloquial: compare ㄷㄷ / ㄹㅇㅋ / ㄴㅏ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-TXT-004
ㄹㅇ / ㅇㄱㄹㅇ / ㄹㅇㅋㅋ Texting 'For Real' in Korean Chat	B1 Colloquial: compare ㄹㅇ / ㅇㄱㄹㅇ / ㄹㅇㅋㅋ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-TXT-003

My Notes

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