



Korean Ladder Study Note

# 제 이름은 / 만나서 반갑습니다

## Introducing Yourself in Korean

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Introductions	제 이름은 / 만나서 반갑습니다 Introducing Yourself in Korean

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### Core Idea

Here's the moment everyone freezes on. Someone smiles at you and waits — and you want to say your name in Korean.

That's literally me. My brain just goes blank. How do I say 'I'm Brian' without it sounding like a textbook?

And I always worry it'll come out way too stiff and formal. Is there one friendly line I can just trust?

There is. The pattern is 저는 \_\_\_이에요 또는 예요. 저는 means 'as for me,' and 이에요/예요 means 'am' or 'is.'

### Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	안녕하세요, 저는 하나예요. —	Hello, I'm Hana.
Junho	안녕하세요, 저는 준호예요. 만나서 반갑습니다. —	Hello, I'm Junho. Nice to meet you.



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Hana	만나서 반갑습니다. —	Nice to meet you.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
저 + 는 jeo + neun	me + (topic marker)	That little 는 is doing a job. '는'은 주제를 나타내요. In English, 는 marks the topic — it's the 'as for me' feeling at the front.
이에요 / 예요 i-e-yo / ye-yo	am / is	And 이예요/예요 is the 'to be.' It's the same word — you just pick the version that sounds smooth after the name.
받침 없음 → 예요 / 받침 있음 → 이예요 no 받침 → ye-yo / 받침 → i-e-yo	vowel ending → 예요, consonant ending → 이예요	So here's the one rule that decides everything: ends in a vowel, use 예요. Ends in a consonant — a 받침 — use 이예요.
저는 [이름] 예요/이에요 jeo-neun [name] ye-yo/i-e-yo	As for me, I'm [name].	Okay, so it's basically 'as-for-me, NAME, am.' That feels doable. Let me hear it with our names.
앨리스 → 앨리스예요 ael-li-seu → ael-li-seu-ye-yo	ends in vowel — → 예요	완벽해요. 앨리스 → 앨리스예요, because it ends in the vowel —, so there's no 받침. You heard the rule and used it.
브라이언 → 브라이언이에요 beu-ra-i-eon → beu-ra-i-eon-i-e-yo	Introducing Yourself in Korean	좋아요. 브라이언 ends in the consonant ㄴ, so 이예요 is exactly right. You're already hearing the 받침.
만나서 반갑습니다 man-na-seo ban-gap-seum-ni-da	Nice to meet you.	Break it gently: 만나서 is 'having met,' 반갑습니다 is 'I'm glad.' Together it's a warm 'nice to meet you.'
받침 ㄴ → 이예요 받침 ㄴ → i-e-yo	consonant ending → 이예요	Got it — because my name ends in that ㄴ, the 니은 sound, I need the fuller 이예요. The consonant pulls in the 이.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

저는 \_\_\_ 이에요 / 예요.

저는 \_\_\_ 이에요 / 예요. — I'm \_\_\_.

Your name goes in the blank.

저 + 는

저 + 는 — me + (topic marker)

는 = 'as for \_\_\_'

이에요 / 예요

이에요 / 예요 — am / is

Two forms of one word.

저는 하나예요.

저 + 는 + 하나 + 예요 — I'm Hana.

Listen to mine. 저는 하나예요. My name 하나 ends in a vowel, so it glides into 예요.

저는 준호예요.

저 + 는 + 준호 + 예요 — I'm Junho.

And mine. 저는 준호예요. 준호 also ends in a vowel sound, so again it's 예요.

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
저는 ___ 예요.	jeo-neun ___ ye-yo/i-e-yo
저는 브라이언이에요.	jeo-neun beu-ra-i-eon-i-e-yo
제 이름은 엘리스예요.	je i-reum-eun ael-li-seu-ye-yo
만나서 반갑습니다.	man-na-seo ban-gap-seum-ni-da

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 제 이름은 / 만나서 반갑습니다 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
면접 자기소개 Introducing Yourself in a Job Interview	B2 Conversation: compare 면접 자기소개 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-INT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-INT-001</a>
안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 Greetings and Goodbyes	A1 Conversation: compare 안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-001</a>
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