



Korean Ladder Study Note

배터리가 없어요 / 충전해야 해요

When Your Phone Dies Mid-Day

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Phone & Online	배터리가 없어요 / 충전해야 해요 When Your Phone Dies Mid-Day

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-PHN-007>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h15tlvjTSw>

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Core Idea

My phone has died in a café. How do I ask for a charger without just pointing at my phone?

배터리가 없어요. This means my battery is dead, or I have no battery power left. In this situation, we aren't saying the battery is physically missing.

Today our main request is 충전기 좀 빌려주실 수 있어요? Could you lend me a charger? Learn it as one polite, ready-to-use question.

We'll build a small rescue sequence: explain the problem, ask for a charger, then tell your caller what happens next.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저기요. 배터리가 없어요. 충전기 좀 빌려주실 수 있어요? —	Excuse me. My battery is dead. Could you lend me a charger?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 여기 있어요. —	Yes, here you go.
Hana	감사합니다. —	Thank you.
Junho	배터리가 거의 없어요. 다시 전화할게요. —	My battery is almost dead. I'll call you back.
Hana	네, 알겠어요. —	Okay, understood.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
충전기 / 충전해야 해요 —	charger / need to charge	So 충전기 is the thing I need, and 충전해야 해요 tells you what I need to do?
충전기 / 충전하다 —	charger / to charge	맞아요. That's right. 충전기 is a charger. 충전하다 means to charge.
충전해요 → 충전해야 해요 —	I charge it → I need to charge it	충전해요 means I charge it, or I'm charging it. 충전해야 해요 adds the need: I need to charge it.
좀 —	A request softener here	Here, 좀 softens the request. You don't need to translate it as a little. Say the whole phrase gently.



Grammar / Structure Notes

배터리가 없어요.

배터리가 없어요. — My battery is dead.

In this phone context, there is no battery power left.

충전기 좀 빌려주실 수 있어요?

충전기 좀 빌려주실 수 있어요? — Could you lend me a charger?

A ready-to-use polite borrowing request.

배터리가 없어요. 충전해야 해요.

배터리가 없어요. 충전해야 해요. — My battery is dead. I need to charge it.

We'll build a small rescue sequence: explain the problem, ask for a charger, then tell your caller what happens next.

배터리가 없어요.

배터리 + 가 + 없어요. — My battery is dead.

배터리가 없어요. 배터리 means battery, and 없어요 says there isn't any. Here, we're talking about battery power.

충전해야 해요.

충전 + 해야 해요. — I need to charge it.

충전해야 해요. I need to charge it. When the phone is already clear from the situation, you don't need to name it again.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
배터리가 없어요.	Listen, then repeat the whole sentence.
충전해야 해요.	Keep 해야 해요 together to express need.
충전기 좀 빌려주실 수 있어요?	Practice 충전기 좀 first, then 빌려주실 수 있어요? Join them into one gentle question.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 배터리가 없어요 / 충전해야 해요 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
문자 보냈어요 Following Up After You Send a Text	A1 Conversation: compare 문자 보냈어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-PHN-004
스피커폰으로 들을게요 / 이어폰 끼게요 Managing Call Audio as a Beginner	A1 Conversation: compare 스피커폰으로 들을게요 / 이어폰 끼게요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-PHN-006
여보세요 Answering a Phone Call for the First Time	A1 Conversation: compare 여보세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-PHN-003
와이파이 비밀번호가 뭐예요 Wi-Fi and Charging Basics	A1 Conversation: compare 와이파이 비밀번호가 뭐예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-PHN-002

My Notes

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