



Korean Ladder Study Note

날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요

Easy Small Talk to Start and End a Chat

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A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Small Talk	날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 Easy Small Talk to Start and End a Chat

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. When I meet someone in Korean, I freeze. What do I say first?

Same. In English I can say, nice weather, huh? But in Korean, my brain goes blank.

That feeling is normal. Koreans also start light conversations with simple comments. 날씨 means weather.

오늘의 흐름은 세 단계예요. In English: comment, ask, sign off. That is the shape of easy small talk.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	날씨 좋네요. —	Nice weather, isn't it.
Junho	네, 정말 좋아요. 주말 잘 보냈어요? —	Yes, it's really nice. Did you have a good weekend?
Hana	네, 잘 보냈어요. 주말 잘 보내세요. —	Yes, I did. Have a good weekend.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	감사합니다. 하나 씨도 주말 잘 보내세요. —	Thank you. Hana, have a good weekend too.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
날씨 nalssi	weather	That feeling is normal. Koreans also start light conversations with simple comments. 날씨 means weather.
코멘트 · 질문 · 인사 komenteu · jilmun · insa	Comment · Ask · Sign off	오늘의 흐름은 세 단계예요. In English: comment, ask, sign off. That is the shape of easy small talk.
좋다 → 좋네요 jota → jonneyo	to be good → it's nice, isn't it	좋다 becomes 좋네요. In English, you can feel it as, oh, it's nice, isn't it. It invites the other person in.
네요 neyo	...isn't it / ...huh	So 네요 is not just a plain fact. It sounds like I'm sharing the moment with someone.
주말 jumal	weekend	정확해요. Now the second small-talk beat is the weekend. 주말 means weekend.
잘 jal	well / nicely	Wait, 잘 means well, right? So this is like, did you spend the weekend well?
잘 보내다 jal bonaeda	to spend time well	맞아요. 잘 means well. 잘 보내다 means to spend time well. You will hear 잘 again in the goodbye line.
열고 · 묻고 · 닫고 yeolgo · mutgo · datgo	Open · Ask · Close	That is smoother than I expected. Open with the weather, ask about the weekend, and close with the weekend again.



Grammar / Structure Notes

날씨

날씨 — weather

A safe, friendly opener

코멘트 · 질문 · 인사

코멘트 · 질문 · 인사 — Comment · Ask · Sign off

The three beats of small talk

날씨 좋네요.

날씨 좋네요. — Nice weather, isn't it.

네요 = soft reaction to what you notice

날씨 좋네요.

날씨 + 좋 + 네요. — Nice weather, isn't it.

Let's break it into small pieces. 날씨 is weather. 좋 is from 좋다, to be good. 네요 is the friendly noticing ending.

좋다 → 좋네요

좋다 → 좋네요 — to be good → it's nice, isn't it

Use it when you notice something now

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
날씨 좋네요	nalssi jonneyo
날씨 좋네요.	nalssi jonneyo
좋네요	jonneyo
주말 잘 보내세요	jumal jal bonaeseyo
보내세요	bonaeseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 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
그 말씀도 맞지만 다른 관점도 있습니다 Disagreeing Politely	B2 Conversation: compare 그 말씀도 맞지만 다른 관점도 있습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-SML-001
단기적으로는 맞지만 장기적으로는 다릅니다 Weighing Tradeoffs	C1 Conversation: compare 단기적으로는 맞지만 장기적으로는 다릅니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CONV-SML-001
제 생각에는 조금 다른 것 같아요 Giving a Cautious Opinion	B1 Conversation: compare 제 생각에는 조금 다른 것 같아요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CONV-SML-001
안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 Greetings and Goodbyes	A1 Conversation: compare 안녕하세요 / 안녕히 계세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-GRT-001

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