



Korean Ladder Study Note

예쁘네요 / 멋있어요 / 맛있겠다

칭찬으로 대화 열기

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Small Talk	예쁘네요 / 멋있어요 / 맛있겠다 칭찬으로 대화 열기

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvsXDVRq74>

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Core Idea

Okay, honest question. In English I can say, nice jacket, and suddenly small talk starts. How do I do that little friendly opener in Korean?

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, a small compliment is the easiest door-opener. 오늘은 세 개만 배워요. Three little phrases.

세 개예요. 예쁘네요, 멋있어요, 맛있겠다. Pretty, cool, and that looks delicious. Clothes, style, and food are easy places to begin.

먼저 예쁘네요. 예쁘다 means to be pretty, and 네요 adds a soft feeling of noticing something now. In English, it feels like, oh, that's pretty.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	어? 스카프 예쁘네요. —	Oh? Your scarf is pretty.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	고마워요. 어제 샀어요. —	Thanks. I bought it yesterday.
Junho	색깔이 멋있어요. —	The color is stylish.
Hana	그래요? 기분 좋네요. —	Really? That makes me happy.
Junho	예쁘네요. —	It's pretty.
Hana	고마워요. —	Thank you.
Junho	스카프 예쁘네요. —	Your scarf is pretty.
Alice	고마워요. —	Thank you.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
예쁘네요 / 멋있어요 / 맛있겠다 yeppeuneyo / meosisseoyo / masitgetda	It's pretty / It's cool / That looks delicious	세 개예요. 예쁘네요, 멋있어요, 맛있겠다. Pretty, cool, and that looks delicious. Clothes, style, and food are easy places to begin.
예쁘네요 yeppeuneyo	Oh, that's pretty	먼저 예쁘네요. 예쁘다 means to be pretty, and 네요 adds a soft feeling of noticing something now. In English, it feels like, oh, that's pretty.
멋있어요 meosisseoyo	That's cool / stylish	그다음은 멋있어요. 멋있다 means to be cool or stylish. 멋있어요 works for a jacket, a car, or a person.
맛있겠다 masitgetda	That looks delicious	마지막은 맛있겠다. 맛있다 means to be tasty, and 겠다 can show a guess. Before you taste the food, you can say 맛있겠다, that looks delicious.
맛있어요 masisseoyo	It is delicious (you tasted it)	정확해요. 맛있어요 after you taste. 맛있겠다 when you only see it. The 겠 is your eyes guessing.
-네요 / -겠다 -neyo / -getda	noticing / guessing	So the endings are doing the social work. 네요 for noticing, 겠다 for guessing. That makes the compliment softer.



Word	Meaning	Example
고마워요 gomawoyo	Thank you	받는 것도 중요해요. When someone compliments you, don't deny it again and again. Just say 고마워요. Simple and kind.
맛있어요 vs 맛있겠다 masisseoyo vs masitgetda	It is tasty vs It looks tasty	이제 흔한 실수예요. English speakers often see good food and say 맛있어요, but they haven't tasted it yet.



Grammar / Structure Notes

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Three go-to openers for everyday small talk

예쁘네요

예쁘네요 — Oh, that's pretty

-네요 = soft noticing

멋있어요

멋있어요 — That's cool / stylish

For clothes, objects, and people

맛있겠다

맛있겠다 — That looks delicious

-겠다 = a guess about something you can see

맛있겠다

맛있 + 겠 + 다 — That looks like it'll be delicious

Wait, so 맛있어요 is it is delicious after I taste it, but 맛있겠다 is it looks delicious before the first bite?

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
예쁘네요	yeppeuneoyo
멋있어요	meosisseoyo
맛있겠다	masitgetda

Self-Check

- 1 Say 예쁘네요 / 멋있어요 / 맛있겠다 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
날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 Easy Small Talk to Start and End a Chat	A1 Conversation: compare 날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-001
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

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