



Korean Ladder Study Note

이름 예쁘네요 / 한국 이름이에요

Asking About and Complimenting Names

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Small Talk	이름 예쁘네요 / 한국 이름이에요 Asking About and Complimenting Names

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-004>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0s_EzNX3Rs

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Core Idea

Here's my question. If I hear a name like 하늘, can I say 이름 예쁘네요, or is that too personal?

좋은 질문이에요. 이름 예쁘네요 means, that's a pretty name. It is light, polite, and a little softer than a big compliment.

한국 이름이에요? means, is it a Korean name. It is a simple follow-up when you are curious about the name you just heard.

So the pattern is a two-step opener. First notice the name kindly, then ask a light question.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저는 하늘이에요. —	I'm Haneul.
Junho	이름 예쁘네요. 한국 이름이에요? —	That's a pretty name. Is it a Korean name?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 한국 이름이에요. —	Yes, it's a Korean name.
Junho	잘 어울려요. —	It suits you well.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
이름 예쁘네요 ireum yeppeuneoyo	That's a pretty name.	좋은 질문이에요. 이름 예쁘네요 means, that's a pretty name. It is light, polite, and a little softer than a big compliment.
이름이 예쁘네요 ireum-i yeppeuneoyo	The name is pretty.	You may also hear 이름이 예쁘네요 with the particle 이. In quick small talk, 이름 예쁘네요 is natural too.
-네요 -neyo	Oh, I notice that it is...	The ending 네요 is important. It sounds like you noticed something and are reacting gently.
예쁘네요 yeppeuneoyo	Oh, it's pretty.	예뻐요 means it is pretty. 예쁘네요 adds that noticing feeling: oh, it's pretty.
잘 어울려요 jal eouullyeoyo	It suits you well.	잘 어울려요 means, it suits you well. After a name compliment, it can be a warm extra line.
당신의 이름은 예뻐요 dangsin-ui ireum-eun yeppeoyo	Your name is pretty.	My wrong version would be 당신의 이름은 예뻐요. I can see why that feels heavy now.



Grammar / Structure Notes

이름 예쁘네요

이름 예쁘네요 — That's a pretty name.

-네요 sounds like a gentle reaction.

한국 이름이에요?

한국 이름이에요? — Is it a Korean name?

Use a rising question tone.

이름 예쁘네요. 한국 이름이에요?

이름 예쁘네요. 한국 이름이에요? — That's a pretty name. Is it a Korean name?

Compliment first, question second.

이름 예쁘네요

이름 + 예쁘 + 네요 — That's a pretty name.

Let's unpack the first sentence. 이름 is name. 예쁘네요 means, it's pretty, I notice. 이름 예쁘네요.

한국 이름이에요?

한국 + 이름 + 이에요? — Is it a Korean name?

Now the question. 한국 means Korean here. 이름 is name. 이에요 makes it polite: is it. 한국 이름이에요?

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
이름 예쁘네요	ireum yeppeuneyo
예쁘네요	yeppeuneyo
한국 이름이에요?	hanguk ireum-ieyo?
이름 예쁘네요. 한국 이름이에요?	ireum yeppeuneyo. hanguk ireum-ieyo?

Self-Check

- 1 Say 이름 예쁘네요 / 한국 이름이에요 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
사진 한 장만 찍어 주시겠어요 Asking a Stranger to Take Your Photo	A1 Conversation: compare 사진 한 장만 찍어 주시겠어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-003
예쁘네요 / 맛있어요 / 맛있겠다 칭찬으로 대화 열기	A1 Conversation: compare 예쁘네요 / 맛있어요 / 맛있겠다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-002
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

My Notes

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