



Korean Ladder Study Note

K-팝 첫걸음

아이돌 / 그룹 / 데뷔 for New Fans

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture K-Drama & K-Pop	K-팝 첫걸음 아이돌 / 그룹 / 데뷔 for New Fans

Study Links

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Core Idea

I have a real new-fan problem. People say idol, group, debut, and comeback, and I keep mixing them up.

좋은 질문이에요. These words are simple, but the difference matters. In English, they help you follow basic K-pop news.

오늘의 핵심은 이름을 구별하는 거예요. In English, today's key is telling the words apart.

첫 번째 단어는 아이돌이에요. In English, an 아이돌 is a K-pop star who sings, dances, and performs.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	그 그룹은 언제 데뷔했어요? —	When did that group debut?
Junho	작년에 데뷔했어요. —	They debuted last year.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이번에 컴백해요? —	Are they making a comeback this time?
Junho	네, 다음 주에 컴백해요. —	Yes, they come back next week.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
아이돌 / 그룹 / 데뷔 / 컴백 a-i-dol / geu-rup / de-bwi / keom-baek	idol / group / debut / comeback	오늘의 핵심은 이름을 구별하는 거예요. In English, today's key is telling the words apart.
아이돌 a-i-dol	idol; K-pop star	첫 번째 단어는 아이돌이에요. In English, an 아이돌 is a K-pop star who sings, dances, and performs.
그룹 geu-rup	group; team	두 번째 단어는 그룹이에요. In English, a 그룹 is the team, not one person.
아이돌 / 그룹 a-i-dol / geu-rup	idol / group	So 아이돌 is one star, and 그룹 is the whole team.
아이돌 그룹 a-i-dol geu-rup	idol group	네. 아이돌 그룹 means an idol group. In English, that is a team of idols.
아이돌이에요 a-i-dol-i-e-yo	It is an idol.	Now listen to a full tiny sentence. 아이돌이에요 means, it is an idol.
데뷔 de-bwi	debut; first official start	세 번째 단어는 데뷔예요. In English, 데뷔 is the first official start, the first release or first appearance.
데뷔예요 de-bwi-ye-yo	It is a debut.	데뷔는 처음이에요. In English, debut is the first time only.



Grammar / Structure Notes

아이돌 / 그룹 / 데뷔 / 컴백

아이돌 / 그룹 / 데뷔 / 컴백 — idol / group / debut / comeback

Basic K-pop vocabulary

아이돌

아이돌 — idol; K-pop star

A person

아이돌

아이 + 돌 — idol; K-pop star

맞아요. 아이돌 is a borrowed word, so it feels familiar, but the Korean sound is 아이돌.

그룹

그룹 — group; team

Several idols together

아이돌 / 그룹

아이돌 / 그룹 — idol / group

person / team

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
아이돌	a-i-dol
아이돌이에요	a-i-dol-i-e-yo
데뷔	de-bwi
아이돌 그룹	a-i-dol geu-rup
데뷔했어요	de-bwi-haet-eo-yo
컴백해요	keom-baek-hae-yo

Self-Check

- 1 Say K-팝 첫걸음 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.



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사극 말투 하옵니다 / 마마 / 통촉하여 주시옵소서	C1 Culture: compare 사극 말투 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CULTURE-MED-001

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