



Korean Ladder Study Note

맞아요 / 틀려요

Saying Something Is Right or Wrong

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Sentence Endings	맞아요 / 틀려요 Saying Something Is Right or Wrong

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-008>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOsAlINCZY8>

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. If I want to say, "That's right," do I say 맞아요? And if I made a mistake, do I say 틀려요 or 틀렸어요?

좋은 질문이에요. Korean often chooses present or past by the situation: is it generally right now, or was it already answered, checked, or done.

오늘의 패턴은 맞아요와 틀려요예요. 답이나 사실, 방향을 확인할 때 아주 자주 쓰는 표현이에요.

맞아요 comes from 맞다. In English, it can mean "that's right," "that's correct," or "it matches."

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이쪽이 맞아요? —	Is this way right?
Junho	네, 이쪽이 맞아요. —	Yes, this way is right.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	아까 제 답이 맞았어요? —	Was my answer right earlier?
Junho	네, 맞았어요. —	Yes, it was right.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
맞아요 / 틀려요 majayo / teullyeoyo	It's right / It's wrong	오늘의 패턴은 맞아요와 틀려요예요. 답이나 사실, 방향을 확인할 때 아주 자주 쓰는 표현이에요.
맞다 → 맞아요 matda → majayo	to be right, correct, to match	맞아요 comes from 맞다. In English, it can mean “that’s right,” “that’s correct,” or “it matches.”
틀리다 → 틀려요 teullida → teullyeoyo	to be wrong, incorrect	틀려요 comes from 틀리다. In English, it means “it’s wrong” or “it’s incorrect.”
이 답이 맞아요 i dabi majayo	This answer is right.	먼저 예문을 들어 보세요. 이 답이 맞아요. This answer is right.
이 답이 틀려요 i dabi teullyeoyo	This answer is wrong.	이 답이 틀려요. This answer is wrong.
이쪽이 맞아요 ijjogi majayo	This way is right.	방향에도 써요. 이쪽이 맞아요. This way is right.
저쪽은 틀려요 jeojjogeun teullyeoyo	That way is wrong.	저쪽은 틀려요. That way is wrong. 은 marks the topic: as for that way, it is wrong.
네, 맞아요 ne, majayo	Yes, that’s right.	맞아요. 네 means “yes.” 맞아요 means “that is right” or “that is correct.” Sometimes they appear together: 네, 맞아요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

맞아요 / 틀려요

맞아요 / 틀려요 — It's right / It's wrong

해요체 present forms

맞다 → 맞아요

맞다 → 맞아요 — to be right, correct, to match

polite present: 맞아요

틀리다 → 틀려요

틀리다 → 틀려요 — to be wrong, incorrect

polite present: 틀려요

이 답이 맞아요

이 + 답 + 이 + 맞아요 — This answer is right.

먼저 예문을 들어 보세요. 이 답이 맞아요. This answer is right.

이 답이 틀려요

이 + 답 + 이 + 틀려요 — This answer is wrong.

이 답이 틀려요. This answer is wrong.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
제가 틀렸어요	jega teullyeosseoyo
마자요	majayo
틀려요	teullyeoyo
틀려요. 틀렸어요.	teullyeoyo / teullyeosseoyo
답이 맞아요	dabi majayo
답이 맞았어요	dabi majasseoyo
답이 틀려요	dabi teullyeoyo
답이 틀렸어요	dabi teullyeosseoyo

Self-Check

1 Say 맞아요 / 틀려요 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
-(으)까요? / -(으)비시다 Suggesting and Proposing Together	A1 Grammar: compare -(으)까요? / -(으)비시다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-003
-(으)세요 Making Polite Requests and Gentle Commands	A1 Grammar: compare -(으)세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-004
이에요 / 예요 Saying What Something Is	A1 Grammar: compare 이예요 / 예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-001
있어요 / 없어요 There Is / There Isn't	A1 Grammar: compare 있어요 / 없어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-002

My Notes

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