



Korean Ladder Study Note

받침

Final Consonants Made Simple

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Pronunciation Batchim	받침 Final Consonants Made Simple

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk — when I see a Korean word ending in a consonant, I always over-pronounce it. Is that wrong?

Same. I say it like the English word 'book' with a big puff of air at the end. K-uh.

그게 바로 오늘의 핵심이에요. That is exactly today's point. In Korean, the final consonant is held, not released.

오늘은 세 개의 받침 소리를 배워요. Today we learn three final sounds: ㄱ, ㄷ, ㅂ.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	밥 먹었어요? —	Did you eat?
Junho	네, 집에서 먹었어요. —	Yes, I ate at home.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	밖은 추워요? —	Is it cold outside?
Junho	네, 밖은 정말 추워요. —	Yes, it's really cold outside.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
받침 batchim	the final consonant under a syllable	그게 바로 오늘의 핵심이에요. That is exactly today's point. In Korean, the final consonant is held, not released.
ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ —	three stop endings	오늘은 세 개의 받침 소리를 배워요. Today we learn three final sounds: ㄱ, ㄷ, ㅂ.
소리를 멈춰요 sori-reul meomchwoyo	you stop the sound	받침은 입 안에서 멈춰요. The batchim stops inside the mouth. The air is blocked, and you hold it there.
ㄱ 받침 giyeok batchim	the ㄱ final sound	먼저 ㄱ 받침이에요. First, the ㄱ ending. The back of your tongue lifts and blocks the air.
책 chaek	book	예를 들어 '책'. For example, 책 — book. Listen: the ㄱ is caught, not 'chaek-uh.'
밖 bakk	outside	또 하나, '밖'. And 밖 — outside. The double ㄱ at the bottom still makes the same caught ㄱ sound.
옷 ot	clothes	이제 ㄷ 받침이에요. Now the ㄷ ending. Like '옷' — clothes. The tongue tip touches behind the teeth and holds.
ㅅ · ㅈ · ㅊ → ㄷ 소리 → ㄷ sori	many letters, one ㄷ ending sound	재미있는 점이 있어요. Here's the fun part: ㅅ, ㅈ, ㅊ at the bottom all collapse into one caught ㄷ sound.



Grammar / Structure Notes

받침

받침 — the final consonant under a syllable

It's 'caught' in the mouth, not popped out.

ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ

ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ — three stop endings

Three mouth positions, three caught sounds.

소리를 멈춰요

소리를 멈춰요 — you stop the sound

Unreleased — like freezing right before the puff.

ㄱ 받침

ㄱ 받침 — the ㄱ final sound

Back of tongue up, then hold — no release.

책

책 — book

예를 들어 '책'. For example, 책 — book. Listen: the ㄱ is caught, not 'chaek-uh.'

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
밥	bap
책	chaek

Self-Check

- 1 Say 받침 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
받침 ㄴ / ㅇ / ㅁ Mastering the Nasal Final Consonants	B1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄴ / ㅇ / ㅁ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-PRON-BAT-001
받침 ㄹ Pronouncing the Korean Liquid Final	A2 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄹ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-BAT-001
ㅋ ㅌ ㅍ Aspirated and Tense Consonants	A1 Pronunciation: compare ㅋ ㅌ ㅍ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-CNS-001
ㅈ The Vowels That Now Sound the Same	A1 Pronunciation: compare ㅈ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-VOW-002

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