



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 받침은

## A Beginner's Map of the 7 Final Sounds

| Level                    | Topic                    | Focus                                         |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| A1 · Beginner<br>TOPIK 1 | Pronunciation<br>Batchim | 받침은<br>A Beginner's Map of the 7 Final Sounds |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IJZMjrRA2I>

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## Core Idea

Real question. If Korean writes all these different consonants at the bottom, am I supposed to pronounce every single one differently?

Like, I see 책, 꽃, 앞, and my English brain wants to release everything: k, t, p, extra little sounds everywhere.

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핵심은 이거예요. 받침의 끝소리는 일곱 가지로 나요. The final sound of batchim is pronounced as one of seven sounds.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean      | Meaning             |
|---------|-------------|---------------------|
| Hana    | 책 있어요?<br>— | Do you have a book? |



| Speaker | Korean         | Meaning             |
|---------|----------------|---------------------|
| Junho   | 네, 책 있어요.<br>— | Yes, I have a book. |
| Hana    | 밥 먹어요?<br>—    | Are you eating?     |
| Junho   | 네, 밥 먹어요.<br>— | Yes, I'm eating.    |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                                                                  | Meaning                                            | Example                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 받침<br>batchim                                                         | final consonant at the bottom of a Korean syllable | 좋은 질문이에요. 받침은 syllable-final consonant예요. In Korean, many spellings collapse into just a few final sounds. |
| 7가지 끝소리<br>ilgop gaji kkeutsori                                       | seven final sound positions                        | 오늘은 그 일곱 가지 끝소리 자리를 배울 거예요. We'll learn the seven final sound positions your mouth can use.                |
| ㄱ · ㄴ · ㄷ · ㄹ · ㅁ ·<br>ㅂ · ㅇ<br>g/k · n · d/t · r/l · m<br>· b/p · ng | the 7 batchim final sound categories               | 일곱 소리는 기억, 니은, 디글, 리을, 미음, 비읍, 이응이에요. These are sound categories, not seven English letters.               |
| 많은 받침 → 7가지<br>끝소리<br>maneun batchim →<br>ilgop gaji kkeutsori        | many batchim spellings → seven final sounds        | So I don't need a separate final sound for every spelling. I need the seven buckets.                       |
| 책<br>chaek                                                            | book                                               | 맞아요. 먼저 기억 소리예요. 책. 말끝에서는 입 뒤쪽을 닫고, 세게 풀지 않아요.                                                             |
| 국<br>guk                                                              | soup                                               | 국도 기억 소리로 끝나요. 국. The final sound is closed, not fully released like a big English k.                      |
| ㄴ 소리: 산 · 문<br>n sori: san · mun                                      | ㄴ sound: mountain · door                           | 다음은 니은 소리예요. 산. 문. English speakers usually find this one friendly: final n.                               |
| ㄷ 소리: 옷 · 낮<br>digeut sori: ot · nat                                  | ㄷ sound: clothes · daytime                         | 디글 소리예요. 옷. 낮. Some different spellings can end as the same 디글 sound before a pause.                       |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 받침

받침 — final consonant at the bottom of a Korean syllable

Today: phrase-final sound, before a pause

### 받침의 끝소리는 일곱 가지로 나요.

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핵심은 이거예요. 받침의 끝소리는 일곱 가지로 나요. The final sound of batchim is pronounced as one of seven sounds.

### 7가지 끝소리

7가지 끝소리 — seven final sound positions

ㄱ · ㄴ · ㄷ · ㄹ · ㅁ · ㅂ · ㅇ

ㄱ · ㄴ · ㄷ · ㄹ · ㅁ · ㅂ · ㅇ

ㄱ · ㄴ · ㄷ · ㄹ · ㅁ · ㅂ · ㅇ — the 7 batchim final sound categories

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### 많은 받침 → 7가지 끝소리

많은 받침 → 7가지 끝소리 — many batchim spellings → seven final sounds

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## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase        | How to practice           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| 꽃             | kkot                      |
| 귀와 입 훈련       | gwiwa ip hullyeon         |
| 책             | chaek                     |
| 앞             | ap                        |
| 앞 ✓ / 앞 + 으 ☒ | ap / ap + eu              |
| 꽃 ✓ / 꽃 + 츠 ☒ | kkot / kkot + cheu        |
| 짧게, 달고, 멈추기   | jjalpge, datgo, meomchugi |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 받침은 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<br>Final Consonants Made Simple                       | A1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.                | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-001</a> |
| 겹받침 ㄱ / ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ<br>Pronouncing Double Final Consonants | B2 Pronunciation: compare 겹받침 ㄱ / ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-BAT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-BAT-001</a> |
| 받침 ㄴ / ㅇ / ㅁ<br>Mastering the Nasal Final Consonants     | B1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄴ / ㅇ / ㅁ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.      | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-PRON-BAT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-PRON-BAT-001</a> |
| 받침 ㄹ<br>Pronouncing the Korean Liquid Final              | A2 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄹ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.              | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-BAT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-BAT-001</a> |

## My Notes

Your ladder to fluent Korean. This PDF, the website, and the video lessons are free for personal study.