



Korean Ladder Study Note

있어요 / 없어요

Hearing and Saying the ㅁ Batchim

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Pronunciation Batchim	있어요 / 없어요 Hearing and Saying the ㅁ Batchim

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vc6D3X2aJ98>

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Core Idea

Here is my question. I see 있어요, but I keep hearing something like 이씨요. Am I hearing it wrong?

좋은 질문이에요. 있어요 is spelled 있어요, but in natural speech it links and sounds like 이씨요.

And 없어요 is just as important. It is not 어서요. The natural sound keeps a lip stop: 업씨요.

오늘의 패턴은 쌍시옷 받침이에요. In English, we are training a final consonant that closes, then links strongly before a vowel.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	물 있어요? —	Do you have water?
Junho	네, 물 있어요. —	Yes, we have water.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	커피도 있어요? —	Do you also have coffee?
Junho	아니요, 커피는 없어요. —	No, we don't have coffee.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
ㅍ 받침 ss batchim	final ㅍ consonant	오늘의 패턴은 쌍시옷 받침이에요. In English, we are training a final consonant that closes, then links strongly before a vowel.
받침 batchim	final consonant in a Korean syllable	받침은 음절 아래에 오는 끝소리예요. Batchim means the final consonant at the bottom of a Korean syllable.
있 + 어요 → 있어요 it + eoyo → isseoyo	exist / have + polite ending → there is / have	So I should not read 있어요 as separate chunks. I should listen for the connection into 어요.
있어요 isseoyo	Hearing and Saying the ㅍ Batchim	먼저 들어 보세요. 있어요. The middle sound is strong, like 이써요.
없어요 eopseoyo	Hearing and Saying the ㅍ Batchim	Now listen to 없어요. 없어요. It has 비읍 시옷 받침 in spelling, and the natural sound is 업써요.
있어요 / 없어요 isseoyo / eopseoyo	Hearing and Saying the ㅍ Batchim	Let me compare. 있어요. 없어요. The first one is smooth, and the second one has the closed lips before 써요.
받침 + 모음 batchim + moeum	final consonant + vowel	핵심은 이거예요. 받침 뒤에 모음이 오면 소리가 앞으로 이어져요. In English, before a vowel, the final sound links forward.
ㅍ → ㅌ 받침소리 ss → d batchim-sori	final ㅍ is pronounced as a closed ㅌ-type stop	But before a consonant, or before a pause, 쌍시옷 받침 closes like a 디글-type stop.



Grammar / Structure Notes

ㅍ 받침

ㅍ 받침 — final ㅍ consonant

At the end: closed stop. Before a vowel: strong linked sound.

받침

받침 — final consonant in a Korean syllable

The next sound changes how it is pronounced.

있 + 어요 → 있어요

있 + 어요 → 있어요 — exist / have + polite ending → there is / have

Sound target: 이써요

받침 + 모음

받침 + 모음 — final consonant + vowel

The final consonant often links into the next syllable.

ㅍ → ㅌ 받침소리

ㅍ → ㅌ 받침소리 — final ㅍ is pronounced as a closed ㅌ-type stop

Close the tongue. Do not add an extra vowel.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
있어요	isseoyo
없어요	eopseoyo
있어요 / 없어요	isseoyo / eopseoyo
있다	itda

Self-Check

- 1 Say 있어요 / 없어요 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
가 Hearing Whether a Syllable Ends in a Batchim	A1 Pronunciation: compare 가 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-003
받침 Final Consonants Made Simple	A1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-001
받침은 A Beginner's Map of the 7 Final Sounds	A1 Pronunciation: compare 받침은 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-002
겹받침 ㄱ / ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ Pronouncing Double Final Consonants	B2 Pronunciation: compare 겹받침 ㄱ / ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-BAT-001

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