



Korean Ladder Study Note

좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요

Putting Emotion Into Your First Feeling Words

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Pronunciation Intonation	좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요 Putting Emotion Into Your First Feeling Words

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-006>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWnVWQ4wbkE>

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. I learn 좋아요, 싫어요, and 무서워요, but when I say them, I sound like a robot with feelings printed on a sticker.

맞아요. 단어를 아는 것과 자연스럽게 말하는 것은 조금 달라요. In English, knowing the word is one step; giving it the right feeling is the next step.

오늘의 핵심은 세 가지예요. 좋아요는 따뜻하게, 싫어요는 분명하게, 무서워요는 무서워하는 느낌으로 말해요.

오늘은 억양으로 감정을 살려서 기초 감정 표현을 자연스럽게 말해 볼게요. 좋아요 means "it's good" or "I like it."

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이 차 어때요? —	How is this tea?
Junho	좋아요. 향이 좋아요. —	It's good. The aroma is nice.



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Hana	그럼 이 매운 과자는요? —	Then how about this spicy snack?
Junho	싫어요. 너무 매워요. —	I don't like it. It's too spicy.
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Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
좋아요 · 싫어요 · 무서워요 joayo / sireoyo / museowoyo	I like it · I don't like it · I'm scared	오늘의 핵심은 세 가지예요. 좋아요는 따뜻하게, 싫어요는 분명하게, 무서워요는 무서워하는 느낌으로 말해요.
감정 표현 + 억양 gamjeong pyohyeon + eogyang	feeling words + intonation	오늘은 억양으로 감정을 살려서 기초 감정 표현을 자연스럽게 말해 볼게요. 좋아요 means "it's good" or "I like it."
좋아요 joayo	Putting Emotion Into Your First Feeling Words	먼저 좋아요. 부드럽게 살짝 올라가면 따뜻하게 들려요. In English, a gentle lift can sound warm and open.
싫어요 sireoyo	Putting Emotion Into Your First Feeling Words	맞아요. 이제 싫어요. 이 말은 싫다에서 와요. It means "I don't like it" or "I don't want to."
무서워요 museowoyo	Putting Emotion Into Your First Feeling Words	정확해요. 이제 무서워요. This means "I'm scared" or "it's scary." The pitch can feel smaller and tenser.
억양이 느낌을 바꿔요 eogyang-i neukkim-eul bakkwoyo	Intonation changes the feeling	맞습니다. 영어에서도 "fine" can sound happy, angry, or not fine at all. Korean works that way too.
따뜻하게 · 분명하게 · 무서워하는 느낌으로 ttatteutage / bunmyeonghage / museowohaneun neukkim-euro	warmly · clearly · with a scared feeling	So I'm learning beginner emotion words, but also how not to flatten them into one robot tone.



Word	Meaning	Example
무섭어요 → 무서워요 museobeoyo → museowoyo	not natural → natural	카드로 보면 이렇게 기억하세요. 무섭어요가 아니라 무서워요. The spoken form changes to 워요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

좋아요 · 싫어요 · 무서워요

좋아요 · 싫어요 · 무서워요 — I like it · I don't like it · I'm scared

Say them warmly, clearly, and with a scared feeling.

감정 표현 + 억양

감정 표현 + 억양 — feeling words + intonation

The word gives meaning. The voice gives feeling.

좋아요

좋 + 아요 — It's good / I like it

좋아요. 끝을 너무 세게 올리지 말고, 살짝 미소가 있는 목소리로 말해요.

싫어요

싫 + 어요 — I don't like it / I don't want to

싫어요는 끝을 분명하게 내려요. 너무 세게 말하면 화난 것처럼 들릴 수 있어요. In English, clear is good; too forceful can sound angry.

무서워요

무서 + 워요 — I'm scared / It's scary

무서워요는 목소리를 조금 작고 조심스럽게 해요. In English, it should not sound like a cheerful announcement.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
좋아요	joayo
싫어요	sireoyo
무서워요	museowoyo
좋아요 · 싫어요 · 무서워요	joayo / sireoyo / museowoyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요 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
가요 끝을 올리면 질문이 돼요	A1 Pronunciation: compare 가요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-001
감사해요 Statement vs Soft-Question Pitch on Polite Fragments	A1 Pronunciation: compare 감사해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-005
공일공에 삼사공팔 전화번호와 숫자를 끊어 읽는 리듬	A1 Pronunciation: compare 공일공에 삼사공팔 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-003
네 Stretching or Cutting Agreement and Refusal	A1 Pronunciation: compare 네 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-004

My Notes

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