



Korean Ladder Study Note



Saying 여권 and 요금 Without Mixing Them

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Pronunciation Vowels	ㄱ Saying 여권 and 요금 Without Mixing Them

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-VOW-027>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBiVDID7T0k>

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. I know the words for passport and fare, but 여권 and 요금 keep starting with the same sound when I say them.

I try to say 여권, but sometimes it comes out like 요권. Then I say 요금, and it slips toward 여금.

네, 아주 흔한 실수예요. This is a common mix-up because both sounds begin with a quick y glide.

핵심은 입술 모양이에요. The key is what your lips do immediately after that glide.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	여권 있으세요? —	Do you have your passport?
Junho	네, 있어요. 요금은 얼마예요? —	Yes, I do. How much is the fare?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	만 원이에요. —	It is ten thousand won.
Hana	여권 있으세요? —	Do you have your passport?
Junho	네, 있어요. 요금은 얼마예요? —	Yes, I do. How much is the fare?
Hana	만 원이에요. —	It is ten thousand won.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
ㅏ · ㅑ yeo · yo	Two vowels with a quick y glide	네, 아주 흔한 실수예요. This is a common mix-up because both sounds begin with a quick y glide.
입술 모양이 핵심 —	Lip shape is the key	핵심은 입술 모양이에요. The key is what your lips do immediately after that glide.
ㅏ vs ㅑ yeo vs yo	Relaxed lips vs rounded lips	오늘의 발음은 모음 여와 모음 요예요. We will keep 여권 and 요금 clearly separate.
ㅏ → 여 yeo	Saying 여권 and 요금 Without Mixing Them	먼저 여예요. 입술을 편하게 두고 턱을 조금 열어요. For 여, keep your lips relaxed and let the mouth open slightly.
여권 yeogwon	Saying 여권 and 요금 Without Mixing Them	여권의 첫소리가 여예요. 여권 means passport, and the first syllable uses the relaxed vowel.
ㅑ → 요 yo	Saying 여권 and 요금 Without Mixing Them	다음은 요예요. 입술을 둥글게 모아요. For 요, round your lips clearly before finishing the syllable.
요금 yogeum	Saying 여권 and 요금 Without Mixing Them	요금의 첫소리는 요예요. 요금 means a fare or fee, and it begins with rounded lips.
여 = 편하게 · 요 = 둥글게 —	여 = relaxed · 요 = rounded	So 여 starts relaxed, while 요 starts rounded. I should decide my lip shape before I say the whole word.



Grammar / Structure Notes

ㅑ · ㅕ

ㅑ · ㅕ — Two vowels with a quick y glide

The lip shape separates them.

입술 모양이 핵심

입술 모양이 핵심 — Lip shape is the key

Relax for ㅑ. Round for ㅕ.

ㅑ vs ㅕ

ㅑ vs ㅕ — Relaxed lips vs rounded lips

여권 begins with ㅑ. 요금 begins with ㅕ.

여 = 편하게 · 요 = 둥글게

여 = 편하게 · 요 = 둥글게 — 여 = relaxed · 요 = rounded

Set the lips before saying the word.

여권을 보여 주세요.

여권 + 을 + 보여 주세요 + . — Please show me your passport.

여권을 보여 주세요. This means, please show me your passport. Listen to the relaxed 여 at the beginning.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
여	yeo
여권	yeogwon
요	yo
요금	yogeum
여, 요	yeo ↔ yo
여권 · 요금	yeogwon · yogeum
요권	yogwon
요금	yeogeum

Self-Check

1 Say ㅑ 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
ㅏ The Two Open Vowels Beginners Blur	A1 Pronunciation: compare ㅏ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-VOW-006
ㅗ The Vowels That Now Sound the Same	A1 Pronunciation: compare ㅗ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-VOW-002
ㅑ / ㅓ / ㅕ / ㅗ The 'Y' Glide Vowels	A1 Pronunciation: compare ㅑ / ㅓ / ㅕ / ㅗ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-VOW-004
ㅓ The 'Ya' and 'Yeo' Glides Beginners Swap	A1 Pronunciation: compare ㅓ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-VOW-017

My Notes

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