



Korean Ladder Study Note

머리 / 얼굴 / 귀 / 입

Naming Your Face and Head

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Body & Health	머리 / 얼굴 / 귀 / 입 Naming Your Face and Head

Study Links

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

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Core Idea

Real question. In English, hair and head are different. But I keep hearing 머리 for both. So is 머리 my head, my hair, or both?

좋은 질문이에요. 머리 can mean head, and in many everyday sentences it can also mean hair. Context tells you which one.

Today we focus on the body parts: 머리, 얼굴, 이마, 볼, 귀, 입, 이, 입술, 목.

So today I can point and say, this is my ear, this is my mouth, and my neck hurts?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨, 어디가 아파요? —	Junho, where does it hurt?
Junho	목이 아파요. 그리고 귀도 조금 아파요. —	My throat hurts. And my ear hurts a little too.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	그래요? 물 좀 마세요. —	Really? Drink some water.
Junho	네, 고마워요. —	Okay, thank you.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
머리 meori	head; hair, depending on context	좋은 질문이에요. 머리 can mean head, and in many everyday sentences it can also mean hair. Context tells you which one.
머리 · 얼굴 · 이마 · 볼 · 귀 · 입 · 이 · 입술 · 목 meori · eolgul · ima · bol · gwi · ip · i · ipsul · mok	head · face · forehead · cheek · ear · mouth · tooth/teeth · lips · neck/throat	Today we focus on the body parts: 머리, 얼굴, 이마, 볼, 귀, 입, 이, 입술, 목.
이거는 제 ____예요 igeo-neun je ____-yeyo	This is my ____.	맞아요. The key pattern is very simple: 이거는 제 blank 예요. In English, this is my blank.
____이/가 아파요 ____-i/ga apayo	My ____ hurts.	And for pain or discomfort, use blank 이 or 가 아파요. In English, my blank hurts.
머리가 아파요 meori-ga apayo	My head hurts.	먼저 머리. 머리 means head here. 머리가 아파요 means my head hurts.
이거는 제 얼굴이에요 igeo-neun je eolgur-ieyo	This is my face.	Next, 얼굴. 얼굴 means face. 이거는 제 얼굴이에요 means this is my face.
얼굴이에요 eolgur-ieyo	It is a face.	얼굴 has 받침 리을 at the end, so we say 얼굴이에요, not 얼굴예요.
이거는 제 이마예요 igeo-neun je ima-yeyo	This is my forehead.	이마 means forehead. 이마 has no final consonant, so 이마예요 sounds natural.



Grammar / Structure Notes

머리

머리 — head; hair, depending on context

오늘은 body part meaning: head

머리 · 얼굴 · 이마 · 볼 · 귀 · 입 · 이 · 입술 · 목

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이거는 제 ____ 예요

이거는 제 ____ 예요 — This is my ____.

Use a body part noun in the blank.

____ 이/가 아파요

____ 이/가 아파요 — My ____ hurts.

Use 이 after a final consonant, 가 after no final consonant.

머리가 아파요

머리 + 가 + 아파요 — My head hurts.

먼저 머리. 머리 means head here. 머리가 아파요 means my head hurts.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
머리	meori
얼굴이에요	eolgur-ieyo
볼이에요	bor-ieyo
입이에요	ib-ieyo
이	i
얼굴	eolgul
이거는 제 귀예요	igeo-neun je gwi-yeyo
목이 아파요	mog-i apayo

Self-Check



- 1 Say 머리 / 얼굴 / 귀 / 입 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
배 / 등 / 가슴 / 허리 몸통을 가리키는 첫 단어	A1 Vocabulary: compare 배 / 등 / 가슴 / 허리 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-BOD-004
손 / 발 / 눈 / 코 Your First Korean Body Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 손 / 발 / 눈 / 코 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-BOD-001
팔 / 다리 / 어깨 / 무릎 Naming Your Arms, Legs, and Joints	A1 Vocabulary: compare 팔 / 다리 / 어깨 / 무릎 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-BOD-003
머리 / 배 / 목이 아파요 Body Parts and Saying Where It Hurts	B1 Vocabulary: compare 머리 / 배 / 목이 아파요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-BOD-001

My Notes

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