



Korean Ladder Study Note

땀 / 피 / 눈물 / 침

Basic Body Fluids in Daily Korean

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Body & Health	땀 / 피 / 눈물 / 침 Basic Body Fluids in Daily Korean

Study Links

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Core Idea

Hana, yesterday I got a small paper cut, and I wanted to tell my coworker 'I'm bleeding.' But I froze because I didn't know the verb for bleeding.

That is such a common stumble for English speakers. In Korean, we usually don't turn 'blood' into an action that you do.

맞아요. Instead, the fluid simply appears on its own. We say 피가 나요.

Today we are learning four essential body fluids: 땀, 피, 눈물, and 침.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	하나 씨, 더워요? 땀이 많이 나요. —	Hana, are you hot? You're sweating a lot.



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Hana	네, 조깅을 해서 땀이 나요. 어, 준호 씨 무릎에 피가 나요. —	Yes, I jogged so I'm sweating. Oh, Junho, your knee is bleeding.
Junho	괜찮아요. 살짝 긁혔어요. —	I'm fine. It's just a slight scratch.
Junho	하나 씨, 더워요? 땀이 많이 나요. —	Hana, are you hot? You're sweating a lot.
Hana	네, 조깅을 해서 땀이 나요. 어, 준호 씨 무릎에 피가 나요. —	Yes, I jogged so I'm sweating. Oh, Junho, your knee is bleeding.
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Hana	네, 조깅을 해서 땀이 나요. 어, 준호 씨 무릎에 피가 나요. —	Yes, I jogged so I'm sweating. Oh, Junho, your knee is bleeding.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
땀 · 피 · 눈물 · 침 ttam · pi · nunmul · chim	sweat · blood · tears · saliva	Today we are learning four essential body fluids: 땀, 피, 눈물, and 침.
[명사]이/가 나요 [myeongsa]-i/ga nayo	Blank comes out / is produced	And our key partner today is the verb 나다, which means to come out or appear. In the polite present style, it becomes 나요.
땀이 나요 ttam-i nayo	Sweat comes out (I am sweating)	정확해요. First, listen to sweat: 땀이 나요.
피가 나요 pi-ga nayo	Blood comes out (It is bleeding)	피가 나요. 피 ends in a vowel, so it takes the particle 가.
눈물이 나요 nunmul-i nayo	Tears come out (Tears well up)	네, 눈물. 눈 means eye, and 물 means water. Eye water.
침이 나와요 chim-i nawayo	Saliva comes out (Mouth waters)	And the fourth one is 침. That's saliva, right? Does it also use 나요?
침을 삼켜요 chim-eul samkyeoyo	I swallow saliva	You also hear 침을 삼켜요, meaning 'I swallow my saliva' when nervous or hungry.



Word	Meaning	Example
땀 · 피 · 눈물 + 이/가 나요 ttam / pi / nunmul + i/ga nayo	Sweat / blood / tears come out	So 땀, 피, and 눈물 all pair up with the subject particle and the verb 나요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

땀 · 피 · 눈물 · 침

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Four basic body fluids in daily life

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[명사]이/가 나요 — Blank comes out / is produced

Used when bodily fluids appear naturally

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땀이 나요

땀 + 이 + 나 + 요 — Sweat comes out (I am sweating)

정확해요. First, listen to sweat: 땀이 나요.

땀이 나요

땀 + 이 + 나 + 요 — Sweat comes out (I am sweating)

땀 has a final consonant, so it takes the subject particle 이. 땀이 나요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
따미 나요	ttam-i nayo
피가 나요	pi-ga nayo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 땀 / 피 / 눈물 / 침 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
머리 / 얼굴 / 귀 / 입 Naming Your Face and Head	A1 Vocabulary: compare 머리 / 얼굴 / 귀 / 입 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-BOD-002
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
양치 / 세수 / 샤워 / 목욕 Daily Washing and Hygiene Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 양치 / 세수 / 샤워 / 목욕 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-BOD-005

My Notes

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