



Korean Ladder Study Note

머리카락 / 이마 / 볼

Naming Hair and Face Features

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Body & Health	머리카락 / 이마 / 볼 Naming Hair and Face Features

Study Links

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Core Idea

I've heard 머리 for head, but also for hair. Are those really the same word?

좋은 질문이에요. Good question. 머리 can mean head, and in everyday conversation it can also mean hair. 머리카락 specifically means hair.

오늘은 세 단어를 배워요. Today we'll learn three words: 머리카락, hair. 이마, forehead. 볼, cheek or cheeks.

오늘의 틀은 간단해요. Today's frame is simple: name the feature, add the particle 이 or 가, then describe it. We'll use polite endings with 요.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	밖이 추워요? —	Is it cold outside?
Junho	네, 추워요. —	Yes, it's cold.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	볼이 빨개요. —	Your cheeks are red.
Junho	그래요? 따뜻한 차 마실게요. —	Really? I'll have some warm tea.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
머리카락 —	hair	좋은 질문이에요. Good question. 머리 can mean head, and in everyday conversation it can also mean hair. 머리카락 specifically means hair.
머리카락 · 이마 · 볼 —	hair · forehead · cheek or cheeks	오늘은 세 단어를 배워요. Today we'll learn three words: 머리카락, hair. 이마, forehead. 볼, cheek or cheeks.
이름 + 이/가 + 설명 —	feature word + subject particle + description	오늘의 틀은 간단해요. Today's frame is simple: name the feature, add the particle 이 or 가, then describe it. We'll use polite endings with 요.
볼 —	cheek or cheeks	보통은 그냥 볼이라고 해요. Usually, just say 볼. It can mean one cheek or both cheeks. The situation makes that clear.
머리카락이 길어요 —	The hair is long.	머리카락이 길어요. The hair is long. 길어요 means is long.
이마 —	forehead	이마. Forehead. That's the area above your eyebrows and below your hairline.
이마가 넓어요 —	The forehead is broad.	이마가 넓어요. The forehead is broad. 넓어요 means is wide or broad.
볼이 빨개요 —	The cheeks are red.	볼이 빨개요. The cheeks are red. 빨개요 means is red or are red. You might say this after coming in from the cold.



Grammar / Structure Notes

머리카락

머리카락 — hair

Specifically hair, rather than the head itself.

머리카락 · 이마 · 볼

머리카락 · 이마 · 볼 — hair · forehead · cheek or cheeks

Three everyday words for simple descriptions.

이름 + 이/가 + 설명

이름 + 이/가 + 설명 — feature word + subject particle + description

Our descriptions use polite 요 endings.

볼

볼 — cheek or cheeks

A plural ending is usually unnecessary.

머리카락

머리카락 — hair

The hair on your head.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
머리카락이 길어요	Listen first, then repeat the whole sentence.
머리카락이	Link the final consonant smoothly into 이. Don't pause before the particle.
이마가 넓어요	The forehead is broad.
볼이 빨개요	Give the first sound of 빨개요 a firm, tight start, without a big puff of air.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 머리카락 / 이마 / 볼 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.

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