



Korean Ladder Study Note

좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요

Your First Korean Feeling Words

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Feelings	좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요 Your First Korean Feeling Words

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. How do I say 'I'm happy' in Korean without building a giant sentence?

Same. I always freeze. I just want one little word that works.

좋아요. Good news — in Korean, the feeling word almost is the whole sentence. You only need a tiny frame around it.

Here is the plan. Five feeling words, and one little frame: 저는 ~해요. 저는 means 'as for me,' and 해요 makes it polite.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨, 커피 좋아요? —	Junho, do you like coffee?
Junho	네, 좋아요. 그런데 저는 조금 피곤해요. —	Yes, I like it. But I'm a little tired.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	그래요? 저는 행복해요. —	Really? I'm happy.
Junho	왜요? —	Why?
Hana	오늘 날씨가 좋아요. —	The weather is nice today.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
저는 ~해요 jeo-neun ~hae-yo	As for me, I'm ~ (polite)	Here is the plan. Five feeling words, and one little frame: 저는 ~해요. 저는 means 'as for me,' and 해요 makes it polite.
~요 -yo	the polite ending	그 요, that final 요, is your politeness. 행복해 is casual. 행복해요 is polite — safe with anyone.
저는 jeo-neun	as for me (topic)	저는는 주제를 표시해요. In English, 저는 marks the topic — 'as for me.' You can even drop it when it's obvious.
저는 → "me:" —	topic label	Oh, so it's like a little label — 'me: happy.' That I can do.
저는 행복해요 jeo-neun haeng-bok-hae-yo	I'm happy.	Let's see real ones. 저는 행복해요. I'm happy.
저는 슬퍼요 jeo-neun seul-peo-yo	I'm sad.	그리고 반대로, 저는 슬퍼요. I'm sad.
저는 피곤해요 jeo-neun pi-gon-hae-yo	I'm tired.	저는 피곤해요. I'm tired. Same frame, new feeling.
무서워요 mu-seo-wo-yo	I'm scared / it's scary	이건 단어 하나로 끝나요. 무서워요. I'm scared — or 'it's scary.'



Grammar / Structure Notes

저는 ~해요

저는 ~해요 — As for me, I'm ~ (polite)

저는 = as for me · 요 = polite

~요

~요 — the polite ending

행복해 (casual) → 행복해요 (polite)

저는

저는 — as for me (topic)

often dropped when clear

저는 → "me:"

저는 → "me:" — topic label

me: happy

저는 행복해요

저 + 는 + 행복 + 해요 — I'm happy.

Let's see real ones. 저는 행복해요. I'm happy.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
무서워요	mu-seo-wo-yo
싫어요	si-reo-yo
무서워요 · 싫어요	Listen first, then repeat slowly.

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
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억울하다 / 서운하다 / 벅차다 Nuanced Emotional Expression	C1 Vocabulary: compare 억울하다 / 서운하다 / 벅차다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-EMO-001
Counting in Korean Native vs Sino Numbers	A1 Vocabulary: compare Counting in Korean with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-001
물 / 커피 / 밥 Essential Food Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 물 / 커피 / 밥 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-001

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