



Korean Ladder Study Note

행복해요 / 슬퍼요 / 화나요

Happy, Sad, and Angry for Beginners

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Feelings	행복해요 / 슬퍼요 / 화나요 Happy, Sad, and Angry for Beginners

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-EMO-004>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBS_USfnaEE

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Core Idea

Here is my beginner problem. If I like coffee, I know 커피가 좋아요. But if I am happy, do I say 제가 좋아요? That sounds like I like myself.

좋은 질문이에요. 좋아요 means something is good, or you like it. 행복해요 means happy.

오늘은 세 가지 기분 표현을 배워요. 행복해요, 슬퍼요, 화나요.

So today is not just like or dislike. It is how I feel inside.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨, 오늘 기분이 어때요? —	Junho, how do you feel today?
Junho	저는 행복해요. 선물 때문에 행복해요. —	I am happy. I am happy because of the gift.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	하나 씨는요? —	How about you, Hana?
Hana	저는 조금 슬퍼요. 비 때문에 슬퍼요. —	I am a little sad. I am sad because of the rain.
Junho	소음 때문에 화나요? —	Are you angry because of the noise?
Hana	아니요. 화나지는 않아요. 조금 슬퍼요. —	No. I am not angry. I am a little sad.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
좋아요 ≠ 행복해요 joayo ≠ haengbokhaeyo	good or like ≠ happy	좋은 질문이에요. 좋아요 means something is good, or you like it. 행복해요 means happy.
행복해요 · 슬퍼요 · 화나요 haengbokhaeyo · seulpeoyo · hwanayo	I am happy · I am sad · I am angry	오늘은 세 가지 기분 표현을 배워요. 행복해요, 슬퍼요, 화나요.
저는 + 감정 표현 jeo-neun + gamjeong pyohyeon	I + feeling expression	맞아요. The pattern is very simple: 저는 plus a feeling expression.
저는 행복해요 jeo-neun haengbokhaeyo	I am happy.	저는 행복해요. In English, I am happy.
저는 슬퍼요 jeo-neun seulpeoyo	I am sad.	저는 슬퍼요. In English, I am sad.
저는 화나요 jeo-neun hwanayo	I am angry.	저는 화나요. In English, I am angry.
선물 때문에 행복해요 seonmul ttaemune haengbokhaeyo	Because of the gift, I am happy.	이번에는 예문을 들어 보세요. 선물 때문에 행복해요. Because of the gift, I am happy.
비 때문에 슬퍼요 bi ttaemune seulpeoyo	Because of the rain, I am sad.	비 때문에 슬퍼요. Because of the rain, I am sad.



Grammar / Structure Notes

좋아요 ≠ 행복해요

좋아요 ≠ 행복해요 — good or like ≠ happy

For your feeling, use a feeling word.

행복해요 · 슬퍼요 · 화나요

행복해요 · 슬퍼요 · 화나요 — I am happy · I am sad · I am angry

Polite present forms

저는 + 감정 표현

저는 + 감정 표현 — I + feeling expression

저는 means “as for me” or “I.”

저는 행복해요

저 + 는 + 행복해 + 요 — I am happy.

저는 행복해요. In English, I am happy.

저는 슬퍼요

저 + 는 + 슬퍼 + 요 — I am sad.

저는 슬퍼요. In English, I am sad.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
저는 행복해요	jeo-neun haengbokhaeyo
행복해요	haengbokhaeyo
행보캐요	haengbokhaeyo
슬퍼요	seulpeoyo
화나요	hwanayo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 행복해요 / 슬퍼요 / 화나요 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
배고파요 / 목말라요 / 피곤해요 Everyday Physical Feelings	A1 Vocabulary: compare 배고파요 / 목말라요 / 피곤해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-EMO-002
부끄러워요 / 창피해요 / 쑥스러워요 Embarrassment and Shyness	A1 Vocabulary: compare 부끄러워요 / 창피해요 / 쑥스러워요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-EMO-003
좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요 Your First Korean Feeling Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-EMO-001
기분이 좋아요 / 기분 나빠요 / 심심해요 Talking About Your Mood	A2 Vocabulary: compare 기분이 좋아요 / 기분 나빠요 / 심심해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-EMO-001

My Notes

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