



Korean Ladder Study Note

국물 있는 거

Ordering Brothy Versus Mixed Dishes

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Food & Dining	국물 있는 거 Ordering Brothy Versus Mixed Dishes

Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEOowwdV1LQ>

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Core Idea

When I see 국물 있는 거 and 비벼 먹는 거 on a Korean menu, are they two opposite groups? Does 비벼 먹는 거 mean a dish that is already mixed?

좋은 질문이에요. 국물 있는 거 means something with broth. 비벼 먹는 거 means something you mix before you eat. They are useful descriptions, not opposite menu boxes.

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Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	뭐 드시고 싶어요? —	What would you like to eat?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	국물 있는 거 추천해 주세요. —	Please recommend something with broth.
Hana	칼국수 어떠세요? —	How about kalguksu?
Junho	좋아요. 그걸로 할게요. —	Sounds good. I'll have that.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
국물 있는 거 · 비벼 먹는 거 gukmul inneun geo · bibyeo meongneun geo	something with broth · something you mix before eating	오늘의 핵심은 메뉴를 설명하는 말이에요. Today, you will use two practical expressions to ask about the kind of dish you want.
메뉴를 설명해요 —	Describe the kind of menu item you want	식당에서 이 표현을 알면 메뉴 이름을 전부 몰라도 돼요. You can describe what sounds good to you and ask for help.
국물 있는 거 gukmul inneun geo	something with broth	여기서 국물은 broth예요. So 국물 있는 거 is literally a thing that has broth.
메뉴를 설명하는 두 가지 표현 —	Two expressions for describing menu items	두 표현은 메뉴를 설명할 때 써요. In English, these are two expressions for describing menu items.
딱 두 종류가 아니예요 —	They are not two fixed categories	한 메뉴판을 딱 두 종류로 나누는 말은 아니예요. They do not divide every menu into two fixed categories.
메뉴 이름이 아니라 메뉴 설명이에요 —	They are menu descriptions, not dish names	이 표현들은 정식 메뉴 이름도 아니고, 특정 메뉴를 가리키는 이름도 아니예요. These are not official dish names or names for one particular dish.
국물 gukmul	broth	먼저 국물이예요. 국물 means broth, the liquid part of soup, stew, or noodle dishes.
있다 → 있는 itda → inneun	to exist or have → having	있는 comes from 있다, meaning “to exist” or “to have.” So 국물 있는 means “having broth.”



Grammar / Structure Notes

국물 있는 거 · 비벼 먹는 거

국물 있는 거 · 비벼 먹는 거 — something with broth · something you mix before eating

Useful menu descriptions

메뉴를 설명해요

메뉴를 설명해요 — Describe the kind of menu item you want

You do not need to know every dish name.

국물 있는 거 있어요?

국물 + 있는 + 거 + 있어요? — Do you have something with broth?

먼저 이렇게 물어볼 수 있어요. 국물 있는 거 있어요? This means, “Do you have something with broth?”

국물 있는 거

국물 있는 거 — something with broth

국물 = broth

비벼 먹는 거 있어요?

비벼 + 먹는 + 거 + 있어요? — Do you have something you mix before eating?

그리고 이렇게도 물어볼 수 있어요. 비벼 먹는 거 있어요? This means, “Do you have something that you mix before eating?”

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
국물 있는 거 추천해 주세요	gukmul inneun geo chucheonhae juseyo.
이거 비벼 주세요	igeo bibyeo juseyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 국물 있는 거 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
국물 / 건더기 / 육수 Broth Words You'll Hear at Every Korean Table	A1 Vocabulary: compare 국물 / 건더기 / 육수 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-007
국수 / 라면 / 칼국수 / 냉면 Your First Korean Noodle Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 국수 / 라면 / 칼국수 / 냉면 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-006
군것질 / 간식 / 후식 Snacks, Nibbles, and Dessert	A1 Vocabulary: compare 군것질 / 간식 / 후식 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-005
김치찌개 / 비빔밥 / 불고기 Naming Korea's Most Ordered Dishes	A1 Vocabulary: compare 김치찌개 / 비빔밥 / 불고기 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-004

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