



Korean Ladder Study Note

짜장면 / 짬뽕 / 탕수육

Your First Words at a Korean-Chinese Restaurant

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Food & Dining	짜장면 / 짬뽕 / 탕수육 Your First Words at a Korean-Chinese Restaurant

Study Links

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Core Idea

I see 짜장면, 짬뽕, and 탕수육 on a menu. Which one is spicy, and how do I actually order?

좋은 질문이에요. The names are short, but they tell you a lot about the dish.

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주문할 때는 음식 이름 뒤에 하나 주세요를 붙이면 돼요. To order one item, put 하나 주세요 after the dish name.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어서 오세요. 주문하시겠어요? —	Welcome. Are you ready to order?
Junho	네, 짜장면 하나랑 탕수육 하나 주세요. —	Yes, one jjajangmyeon and one tangsuyuk, please.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네. 더 필요한 건 없으세요? —	Sure. Do you need anything else?
Junho	짬뽕은 덜 맵게 해 주세요. —	Please make the jjambbong less spicy.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
음식 이름 · 덜 맵게 해 주세요 · 계산할게요 eumsik ireum · deol maepge hae juseyo · gyesanhalgeyo	Dish names · Please make it less spicy · I'd like to pay	오늘의 핵심은 음식 이름, 덜 맵게 해 주세요, 그리고 계산할게요예요. Today's key phrases are dish names, asking for less spice, and asking to pay.
음식 이름 + 하나 주세요 eumsik ireum + hana juseyo	dish name + one, please	주문할 때는 음식 이름 뒤에 하나 주세요를 붙이면 돼요. To order one item, put 하나 주세요 after the dish name.
덜 맵게 해 주세요 deol maepge hae juseyo	Please make it less spicy.	덜 means 'less.' 맵게 해 주세요 means 'please make it spicy,' and adding 덜 makes the full request mean 'Please make it less spicy.'
하나랑 hanarang	one and	하나랑 is one plus and. You can say each quantity clearly when you want to be precise. At a table, the shorter version is also natural when one of each is understood.
덜 맵게 deol maepge	less spicy	맵지 않게 means "not spicy," so use it when you want no spice at all. 덜 맵게 means "less spicy," which is the better choice when you still want some heat.
짜장면이랑 jjajangmyeon-irang	jjajangmyeon and	그리고 and를 영어처럼 따로 놓지 마세요. Use 이랑 attached directly to the first dish name: 짜장면이랑.
계산 gyesan	payment; the bill	계산 means the bill or payment. It is the word you will hear at the counter.



Grammar / Structure Notes

음식 이름 · 덜 맵게 해 주세요 · 계산할게요

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A friendly beginner order pattern.

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먼저 짜장면이에요. 짜장면은 춘장 소스를 비빈 면 요리예요. Jjajangmyeon is noodles mixed with chunjang, a rich black bean sauce.

짜장면은 춘장 소스를 비빈 면 요리예요.

짜장면 + 은 + 춘장 + 소스 + 를 + 비빈 + 면 + 요리 + 예요. — As for jjajangmyeon, it is noodles mixed with chunjang sauce.

짜장면은이 아니라, 짜장면은을 보면 음식 이름 짜장면 뒤에 topic particle 은이 붙어 있어요. In English, it means, "As for jjajangmyeon."

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다음은 짬뽕이에요. 짬뽕은 매콤한 국물에 말아 먹는 면 요리예요. Jjambbong is a pleasantly spicy noodle soup.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
짬뽕은 덜 맵게 해 주세요	jjambbong-eun deol maepge hae juseyo.
짜장면 하나랑 탕수육 하나 주세요	jjajangmyeon hanarang tangsuyuk hana juseyo.
하나랑	hanarang
계산할게요	gyesanhalgeyo.
덜 맵게 해 주세요	jjambbong-eun deol maepge hae juseyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 짜장면 / 짬뽕 / 탕수육 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
국물 있는 거 Ordering Brothy Versus Mixed Dishes	A1 Vocabulary: compare 국물 있는 거 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-009
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

My Notes

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