



Korean Ladder Study Note

쌀 / 콩 / 두부 / 밀가루

Korean Pantry Staples for Simple Grocery Shopping

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Food & Dining	쌀 / 콩 / 두부 / 밀가루 Korean Pantry Staples for Simple Grocery Shopping

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-016>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

I need rice, tofu, beans, and flour. But is grocery-store rice 쌀 or 밥, and how do I ask where something is?

가게에서 사는 안 익힌 쌀은 쌀이에요. 밥 is cooked rice, the rice that is ready to eat.

오늘은 재료 이름과 두 가지 문장을 배워요. You will ask where an ingredient is and say what you need to buy.

첫 번째 패턴은 재료 뒤에 조사 은이나 는을 붙이고 어디에 있어요라고 묻는 거예요. In English, it means, "Where is the ingredient?"

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	뭘 사야 해요? —	What do we need to buy?
Junho	쌀하고 두부를 사야 해요. —	We need to buy rice and tofu.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	두부는 어디에 있어요? —	Where is the tofu?
Junho	냉장 코너에 있어요. —	It is in the refrigerated section.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
재료 + 을/를 사야 해요 —	I need to buy the ingredient.	두 번째 패턴은 재료 뒤에 목적격 조사 을이나 를을 붙이고 사야 해요라고 말하는 거예요. It means, “I need to buy the ingredient.”
쌀 · 콩 · 두부 · 밀가루 ssal · kong · dubu · milgaru	uncooked rice · beans · tofu · flour	오늘의 네 단어는 쌀, 콩, 두부, 밀가루예요. They are uncooked rice, beans, tofu, and flour.
쌀 ≠ 밥 —	uncooked rice ≠ cooked rice or a meal	먼저 쌀과 밥을 구별해요. 쌀 is uncooked rice in a bag. 밥 is cooked rice or, depending on context, a meal.
콩 kong	bean; beans	콩은 bean 또는 beans예요. 콩 can mean one bean, beans as an ingredient, or beans in general.
두부 dubu	tofu	두부는 tofu예요. 한국 가게에서는 보통 냉장 코너에서 찾아요. You usually find it in the refrigerated section.
밀가루 milgaru	Korean Pantry Staples for Simple Grocery Shopping	밀가루는 flour예요. 밀가루라고 한 단어로 말해요. Listen for three clear syllables: 밀, 가, 루.
쌀하고 콩 ssal-hago kong	rice and beans	재료를 연결할 때 하고를 쓸 수 있어요. 쌀하고 콩 means “rice and beans.”
어디 + 에 → 어디에 —	where + location particle → where or at what place	어디 means “where,” and the particle 에 marks a location. Together, 어디에 asks “where” or “at what place.”



Grammar / Structure Notes

재료 + 은/는 어디에 있어요?

재료 + 은/는 어디에 있어요? — Where is the ingredient?

Use 은 after a final consonant and 는 after a vowel.

두부는 어디에 있어요?

두부는 어디에 있어요? — Where is the tofu?

So for tofu, I can ask, 두부는 어디에 있어요?

재료 + 을/를 사야 해요

재료 + 을/를 사야 해요 — I need to buy the ingredient.

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At the grocery store, buy 쌀.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
밀가루	milgaru
두부는 어디에 있어요?	dubu-neun eodie isseoyo?
어디에 있어요?	eodie isseoyo?
쌀하고 두부를 사야 해요.	ssal-hago dubu-reul saya haeyo.
사야 해요	saya haeyo
쌀	ssal ≠ sal
쌀을 사야 해요.	ssal-eul saya haeyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 쌀 / 콩 / 두부 / 밀가루 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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