



Korean Ladder Study Note

옷 / 바지 / 치마 / 신발

Your First Korean Clothing Words

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Home & Daily Life	옷 / 바지 / 치마 / 신발 Your First Korean Clothing Words

Study Links

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. In English I just say 'wear' for everything — I wear a shirt, I wear shoes, I wear a hat. Is Korean that easy?

그게 바로 오늘의 함정이에요. That's exactly today's trap. Korean picks a different verb depending on WHERE the thing goes on your body.

먼저 이름부터 배워요. First, let's just name the things. 이건 옷이에요 — this is 옷, clothes in general.

이건 바지예요. This is 바지 — pants, or trousers. One word, even though English feels plural.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 치마를 입어요? —	Are you wearing a skirt today?
Junho	아니요, 바지를 입어요. 그리고 신발을 신어요. —	No, I'm wearing pants. And I'm wearing shoes.



Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
옷 ot	clothes (general)	먼저 이름부터 배워요. First, let's just name the things. 이건 옷이에요 — this is 옷, clothes in general.
바지 baji	pants / trousers	이건 바지예요. This is 바지 — pants, or trousers. One word, even though English feels plural.
치마 chima	skirt	이건 치마예요. This is 치마 — a skirt.
신발 sinbal	shoes	그리고 이건 신발이에요. And this is 신발 — shoes. Remember it: 신발.
입다 · 신다 · 쓰다 · 끼다 ipda · sinda · sseuda · kkida	four 'wear' verbs	여기서 조심하세요. Here's where you slow down. Korean has FOUR wear-verbs, and they split by body zone.
입다 ipda	wear (body: clothes, pants, skirt)	몸에 입는 건 '입다'예요. For things on your torso — 옷, 바지, 치마 — you use 입다. In Korean, 입다 covers everything you pull onto your body.
신다 sinda	wear (feet: shoes, socks)	발에는 '신다'예요. For your feet — 신발, 양말 — you use 신다. Feet get their own verb.
쓰다 sseuda	wear (head/face: hat, glasses)	머리에는 '쓰다'예요. On your head or face — 모자, 안경 — you use 쓰다. A hat, glasses: 쓰다.



Grammar / Structure Notes

옷

옷 — clothes (general)

the catch-all word for clothing

바지

바지 — pants / trousers

always singular in Korean

치마

치마 — skirt

이건 치마예요. This is 치마 — a skirt.

신발

신발 — shoes

그리고 이건 신발이에요. And this is 신발 — shoes. Remember it: 신발.

입다 · 신다 · 쓰다 · 끼다

입다 · 신다 · 쓰다 · 끼다 — four 'wear' verbs

chosen by WHERE it goes

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
신발을 신어요	sinbal-eul sineoyo
시너요	sineoyo
오슬 이버요	os-eul ibeoyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 옷 / 바지 / 치마 / 신발 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
빨강 / 파랑 / 노랑 Your First Korean Colors	A1 Vocabulary: compare 빨강 / 파랑 / 노랑 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-HOM-002
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My Notes

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