



Korean Ladder Study Note

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Everyday Bug Words for Korean Summers

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Nature & Weather	모기 / 개미 / 파리 / 벌레 Everyday Bug Words for Korean Summers

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NAT-005>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAzlP5OdKGg>

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Core Idea

Real question. If I see something tiny flying near my face in Korea, do I say 모기, 파리, or just 벌레?

좋은 질문이에요. 정확히 모르면 벌레라고 하면 되고, 알면 모기, 개미, 파리처럼 이름을 말하면 돼요.

And in Korean summers, these words come with small complaint sentences: There is or are something. There are many. I got bitten.

오늘의 기본 틀은 벌레 이름 뒤에 조사 이/가 붙이고, 그다음에 있어요를 말하는 거예요. In English, it means “There is or are bug name.”

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	모기가 있어요. —	There is a mosquito. There are mosquitoes.
Junho	정말요? 저도 모기한테 물렸어요. —	Really? I also got bitten by a mosquito.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저기 개미가 많아요. —	There are lots of ants over there.
Junho	벌레가 많아요. —	There are lots of bugs.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
모기가 있어요 mogiga isseoyo	There is a mosquito. There are mosquitoes.	And in Korean summers, these words come with small complaint sentences: There is or are something. There are many. I got bitten.
[벌레 이름] + 이/가 + 있어요 [bug name] + i/ga + isseoyo	There is or are [bug name].	오늘의 기본 틀은 벌레 이름 뒤에 조사 이/가를 붙이고, 그다음에 있어요를 말하는 거예요. In English, it means “There is or are bug name.”
모기 mogi	mosquito	모기. mosquito. 한국 여름에는 정말 자주 듣는 말이에요.
개미 gaemi	ant	Next one: 개미. That is ant, right?
개미가 많아요 gaemiga manayo	There are many ants. There are lots of ants.	네. 개미가 있어요 means there is an ant, or there are ants, depending on context. 개미가 많아요 is stronger: there are lots of ants.
파리가 있어요 pariga isseoyo	There is a fly. There are flies.	파리는 fly예요. 파리가 있어요. There is a fly, or there are flies.
벌레가 있어요 beollega isseoyo	There is a bug. There are bugs.	벌레는 bug or insect예요. 정확한 이름을 모를 때 아주 편해요. 벌레가 있어요.
모기한테 물렸어요 mogihante mullyeosseoyo	I got bitten by a mosquito.	좋아요. Now the bite sentence is 모기한테 물렸어요. Here 한테 marks who or what bit you, so in English it means “by”: I got bitten by a mosquito.



Grammar / Structure Notes

모기가 있어요

모기가 있어요 — There is a mosquito. There are mosquitoes.

Korean does not mark singular or plural here.

[벌레 이름] + 이/가 + 있어요

[벌레 이름] + 이/가 + 있어요 — There is or are [bug name].

Attach 이/가 to the noun first, then say 있어요.

모기가 있어요

모기 + 가 + 있어요 — There is a mosquito. There are mosquitoes.

So if I know it is a mosquito, I can say 모기가 있어요.

모기가 있어요

모기 + 가 + 있어요 — There is a mosquito. There are mosquitoes.

맞아요. 모기는 mosquito예요. 모기가 있어요 means there is a mosquito, or there are mosquitoes, depending on context.

모기

모기 — mosquito

A very high-frequency summer word.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
물렸어요	mullyeosseoyo
모기한테 물렸어요	mogihante mullyeosseoyo
모기가 있어요	mogiga isseoyo
개미가 많아요	gaemiga manayo
파리가 있어요	pariga isseoyo
벌레가 있어요	beollega isseoyo
모기, 고기	mogi gogi

Self-Check

- 1 Say 모기 / 개미 / 파리 / 벌레 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
강아지 / 고양이 / 새 Your First Korean Animal Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 강아지 / 고양이 / 새 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NAT-002
꽃 / 풀 / 잎 / 씨앗 Beginner Garden and Plant Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 꽃 / 풀 / 잎 / 씨앗 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NAT-004
산 / 바다 / 하늘 / 나무 Your First Korean Nature Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 산 / 바다 / 하늘 / 나무 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NAT-001
해 / 달 / 별 / 구름 First Words for the Sky	A1 Vocabulary: compare 해 / 달 / 별 / 구름 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NAT-003

My Notes

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