



Korean Ladder Study Note

삼겹살 / 쌈 / 불판

Korean BBQ Table Basics

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A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Culture Food Culture	삼겹살 / 쌈 / 불판 Korean BBQ Table Basics

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Core Idea

I love Korean barbecue, but I never know what I'm supposed to do. Do I cook the meat? Does the server cook it? And what do I say when the grill turns black?

좋은 질문이에요. 한국 고깃집에서는 보통 테이블 가운데 불판을 같이 쓰고, 고기를 직접 구워 먹어요. In English, you usually share one grill at the table and grill the meat yourselves.

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So 삼겹살 is the meat, 쌈 is the wrap, and 불판 is the grill plate. That already helps.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	삼겹살 이 인분 주세요. —	Two servings of pork belly, please.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 그리고 쌈장도 더 주세요. —	Yes, and please give us more ssamjang too.
Hana	고기 익었어요. 쌈 싸 먹어요. —	The meat is cooked. Let's eat it in wraps.
Junho	불판이 좀 탔어요. 불판 갈아 주세요. —	The grill plate is a bit burnt. Please change the grill plate.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
불판을 같이 써요 bulpaneul gachi sseoyo	We use the grill together.	좋은 질문이에요. 한국 고깃집에서는 보통 테이블 가운데 불판을 같이 쓰고, 고기를 직접 구워 먹어요. In English, you usually share one grill at the table and grill the meat yourselves.
삼겹살 · 쌈 · 불판 · 마무리 samgyeopsal · ssam · bulpan · mamuri	pork belly · wrap · grill plate · ending	오늘의 핵심은 네 가지예요. 삼겹살, 쌈, 불판, 그리고 마무리 음식. These four words help you understand the whole meal.
삼겹살을 구워요 samgyeopsareul guwoyo	We grill pork belly.	먼저 삼겹살이에요. 삼겹살은 돼지고기, 특히 배 쪽 고기예요. In English, it is pork belly, often cut thick for grilling.
불판에 고기를 올려요 bulpane gogireul ollyeoyo	We put the meat on the grill plate.	고기가 나오면 불판 위에 올려요. 불판은 불 위에 있는 판, the hot grill plate.
집게와 가위 jipge-wa gawi	tongs and scissors	여기서 중요한 문화 포인트가 있어요. 보통 한 사람이 집게와 가위를 잡고 고기를 굽고 잘라요. Often one person handles the tongs and scissors for the table.
쌈을 싸 먹어요 ssameul ssa meogeoyo	We wrap it and eat it.	고기가 익으면 쌈을 만들어요. 쌈은 상추나 깻잎에 고기, 마늘, 쌈장을 넣어서 싸 먹는 거예요.
쌈장 ssamjang	seasoned soybean paste sauce	쌈장은 양념된 된장 소스예요. It is a savory soybean paste sauce, usually a little salty and a little spicy.
쌈장은 조금만 넣어요 ssamjangeun jogeumman neo-eoyo	Put in just a little ssamjang.	문법은 맞아요. 하지만 쌈장은 짜니까 보통 조금만 넣어요. The sentence is correct, but culturally and taste-wise, a little is more natural.



Grammar / Structure Notes

불판을 같이 써요

불판을 같이 써요 — We use the grill together.

불판 = grill plate at the table

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삼겹살을 구워요

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불판에 고기를 올려요

불판 + 에 + 고기 + 를 + 올려요 — We put the meat on the grill plate.

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집게와 가위

집게와 가위 — tongs and scissors

At Korean BBQ, scissors are normal for cutting meat.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
불판 같이 주세요	bulpan gara juseyo
삼겹살 이 인분 주세요	samgyeopsal i inbun juseyo
마무리로 볶음밥 먹을까요	mamuriro bokkeumbap meogeulkkayo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 삼겹살 / 쌈 / 불판 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.

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