



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 으 탈락 / ㄹ 탈락

바빠요 · 살아요 · 만들어요

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Grammar Verb Conjugation	으 탈락 / ㄹ 탈락 바빠요 · 살아요 · 만들어요

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CNJ-001>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7q2fvbJy0f8>

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## Core Idea

Okay, real confession. I tried to say 'I'm busy' and said 바쁘어요... but the card says 바빠요. 왜 바쁘어요가 아니라 바빠요예요?

좋은 질문이에요. 바쁘다 hides a little trap — the vowel —.

Two rules today. First, 으 탈락 — the 으 drops before 아 or 어. Second, ㄹ 탈락 — the ㄹ drops before certain endings.

둘 다 발음을 부드럽게 만들어요. They both keep Korean smooth and easy on the mouth.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	뭐 만들어요? —	What are you making?
Junho	김밥 만들어요. —	I'm making gimbap.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	맛있게 만드세요. —	Make it nice and tasty.
Junho	고마워요. 같이 드세요. —	Thanks. Eat with me.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
으 탈락 · ㄹ 탈락 —	— drops before 아/어 · ㄹ drops before some endings	Two rules today. First, 으 탈락 — the — drops before 아 or 어. Second, ㄹ 탈락 — the ㄹ drops before certain endings.
바쁘다 → 바빠요 bappeuda → bappayo	to be busy → (I'm) busy	Let's see 으 탈락 first. 바쁘에서 으가 빠지고 아요가 붙어서 바빠요가 돼요.
바빠요 bappayo	(I'm) busy	So 바쁘 loses the 으 and 아요 attaches: 바빠요.
아프다 → 아파요 · 예쁘다 → 예뵤요 · 슬프다 → 슬퍼요 —	hurts · is pretty · is sad	같은 규칙이에요. 아프다 → 아파요, 예쁘다 → 예뵤요, 슬프다 → 슬퍼요. Same rule every time.
ㅏ/ㅑ → 아요 · 그 외 → 어요 —	Pick 아요 after ㅏ/ㅑ, else 어요	앞 모음이 ㅏ나 ㅑ면 아요, 아니면 어요. If the vowel before is ㅏ or ㅑ, use 아요; otherwise 어요.
— + 아/어 → — 탈락 —	— disappears before 아/어	So — just can't survive next to 아 or 어 — it vanishes.
아프다 → 아파요 apeuda → apayo	to hurt → it hurts	Got it. 아프다 → 아파요 because of the ㅏ in 아.
ㄹ 탈락 —	the ㄹ drops out	이제 ㄹ 탈락. Now the ㄹ-drop.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 으 탈락 · ㄹ 탈락

으 탈락 · ㄹ 탈락 — — drops before 아/어 · ㄹ drops before some endings

Both rules just keep Korean smooth to say.

### 으 탈락 · ㄹ 탈락

으 탈락 · ㄹ 탈락 — — drops before 아/어 · ㄹ drops before some endings

Smoother sound, same meaning.

### 바쁘다 → 바빠요

바쁘다 → 바빠요 — to be busy → (I'm) busy

ㅂㅍ loses the —, then 아요 attaches.

### 바빠요

바빠 + 요 — (I'm) busy

So 바쁘 loses the 으 and 아요 attaches: 바빠요.

### 아프다 → 아파요 · 예쁘다 → 예뵤요 · 슬프다 → 슬퍼요

아프다 → 아파요 · 예쁘다 → 예뵤요 · 슬프다 → 슬퍼요 — hurts · is pretty · is sad

Each stem drops — before the ending.

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
바빠요	bappayo
만드세요	mandeuseyo

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 으 탈락 / ㄹ 탈락 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
아요 / 어요 The Polite Present Tense	A1 Grammar: compare 아요 / 어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CNJ-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CNJ-001</a>
(으)ㄹ 거예요 The Korean Future Tense and Plans	A2 Grammar: compare (으)ㄹ 거예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-TNS-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-TNS-002</a>
고 싶어요 Saying What You Want to Do	A2 Grammar: compare 고 싶어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-001</a>
아서 / 어서 Saying 'Because' and 'And Then'	A2 Grammar: compare 아서 / 어서 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-001</a>

## My Notes

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