



Korean Ladder Study Note

빨리 · 걸려요 · 달라요

Pronouncing the Doubled ㄹㄹ Sound

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Pronunciation Consonants	빨리 · 걸려요 · 달라요 Pronouncing the Doubled ㄹㄹ Sound

Study Links

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3u9Nxx2VZ0>

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. I can say a single ㄹ kind of okay, but 빨리 and 달라요 feel like my tongue trips.

좋은 질문이에요. 빨리, 걸려요, 몰라요, 달라요에는 리를 소리가 길고 분명하게 이어져요. In English, it is like holding a clear L a tiny bit longer.

오늘의 핵심은 리를 하나가 아니라 리를 두 개예요. Single ㄹ can sound quick, but ㄹㄹ is doubled and steady.

So I should not make it like a fast English R. I should hold it more like a clear L.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	여기 와이파이 잘 걸려요? —	Does the Wi-Fi connect well here?
Junho	잘 몰라요. 이 카페는 자리마다 달라요. —	I'm not sure. It's different depending on the seat.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	그럼 빨리 다른 자리로 가요. —	Then let's quickly move to another seat.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
ㄹ + ㄹ → ㄹㄹ rieul + rieul → doubled rieul	Two ㄹ sounds become one held, clear L-like sound	오늘의 핵심은 리을 하나가 아니라 리을 두 개예요. Single ㄹ can sound quick, but ㄹㄹ is doubled and steady.
ㄹㄹ ll	Pronouncing the Doubled ㄹㄹ Sound	이 소리는 혀끝을 윗잇몸 쪽에 대고 잠깐 유지하는 느낌이에요. Keep the tongue contact a little longer.
빨리 ppalli	quickly; hurry	So I should not make it like a fast English R. I should hold it more like a clear L.
빨리 와요 ppalli wayo	Come quickly.	빨리 와요. In English, this means come quickly, or hurry over.
전화가 걸려요 jeonhwaga geollyeoyo	The call goes through. / It takes time.	다음은 걸려요예요. 전화가 걸려요. It means a call goes through, or something takes time, depending on context.
걸려요 geollyeoyo	Pronouncing the Doubled ㄹㄹ Sound	걸려요도 리을이 이어져요. 걸려요. The tongue stays connected through the middle.
저는 몰라요 jeoneun mollayo	I don't know.	이번에는 몰라요. 저는 몰라요. In English, I don't know.
몰라요 mollayo	Pronouncing the Doubled ㄹㄹ Sound	몰라요는 많이 쓰는 말이에요. 너무 약하게 말하면 모라요처럼 들릴 수 있어요, 그래서 ㄹㄹ을 분명히 해요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

ㄹ + ㄹ → ㄹㄹ

ㄹ + ㄹ → ㄹㄹ — Two ㄹ sounds become one held, clear L-like sound

Spellings like 빨리, 걸려요, 몰라요, 달라요

빨리

빨리 — quickly; hurry

The ㄹㄹ is held clearly.

빨리 와요

빨리 + 와요 — Come quickly.

빨리 와요. In English, this means come quickly, or hurry over.

전화가 걸려요

전화 + 가 + 걸려요 — The call goes through. / It takes time.

다음은 걸려요예요. 전화가 걸려요. It means a call goes through, or something takes time, depending on context.

저는 몰라요

저 + 는 + 몰라요 — I don't know.

이번에는 몰라요. 저는 몰라요. In English, I don't know.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
ㄹ ㄹ	ll
빨리	ppalli
걸려요	geollyeoyo
몰라요	mollayo
달라요	dallayo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 빨리 · 걸려요 · 달라요 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
ㅅ Plain and Tense Sibilants	A2 Pronunciation: compare ㅅ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-CNS-001
감 / 꺾 / 캬 Telling Apart ㄱ, ㅋ, and ㆁ in Real Words	A2 Pronunciation: compare 감 / 꺾 / 캬 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-CNS-002
아기 Why ㄱ/ㄷ/ㅂ/ㅈ Soften Between Vowels	A2 Pronunciation: compare 아기 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-CNS-003
ㄷ / ㅌ / ㅍ The Three Korean D/T Sounds	A1 Pronunciation: compare ㄷ / ㅌ / ㅍ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-CNS-006

My Notes

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