



Korean Ladder Study Note

받침이 넘어가요

음악이 → 으마기, Basic Linking for Beginners

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A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Pronunciation Linking Sounds	받침이 넘어가요 음악이 → 으마기, Basic Linking for Beginners

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. I can read 음악, music. But when I hear 음악이, it sounds like 으마기. Why does the ㄱ move?

I do the same thing with 한국어. I want to say 한...국...어, like three separate blocks.

좋아요. That question points to one of the first big pronunciation rules: 연음, linking sounds.

First, the word 받침 means the final consonant at the bottom of a syllable block.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	음악이 좋아요. —	The music is nice.
Hana	네, 한국어 노래예요. —	Yes, it's a Korean song.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	옷을 봐요. —	Look at the clothes.
Hana	색이 예뻐요. —	The color is pretty.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
받침 batchim	final consonant at the bottom of a syllable	First, the word 받침 means the final consonant at the bottom of a syllable block.
ㅇ ieung	silent placeholder at the start of a syllable	And when the next syllable begins with ㅇ, that first ㅇ is silent. It is like an empty seat.
받침 + ㅇ → 이어서 받음 batchim links forward	final consonant plus empty ㅇ becomes connected pronunciation	So the 받침 slides into that empty ㅇ seat. The spelling stays the same, but the sound moves forward.
음악이 eumagi	the music, as the subject	예를 들어 볼게요. Let's start with 음악이, the music as the subject.
한국어 hangugeo	the Korean language	Now the language name itself: 한국어, Korean.
한 · 국 · 어 아니고 한구거 not blocked, but linked	not separate blocks; one connected word	맞아요. Exactly. If you pause, it sounds like reading blocks. If you link, it sounds like Korean speech.
옷을 oseul	the clothes, as the object	Third example: 옷을, the clothes as an object.
받침 → 다음 빈 ㅇ moves to the next empty ㅇ	the final consonant moves forward	That helps. The consonant is not disappearing, and it is not trapped at the bottom. It moves into the open syllable.



Grammar / Structure Notes

받침

받침 — final consonant at the bottom of a syllable

The consonant on the floor of the block.

○

○ — silent placeholder at the start of a syllable

At the start, ○ has no sound.

받침 + ○ → 이어서 발음

받침 + ○ → 이어서 발음 — final consonant plus empty ○ becomes connected pronunciation

Write normally. Speak connected.

음악이

음악 + 이 — the music, as the subject

예를 들어 볼게요. Let's start with 음악이, the music as the subject.

음악이

음악이 — spelled 음악이, pronounced 으마기

Spelling fixed, sound linked.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
으마기	eumagi
한구거	hangugeo
오슬	oseul
으마기 / 한구거 / 오슬	eumagi · hangugeo · oseul

Self-Check

- 1 Say 받침이 넘어가요 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
격음화 When ㅎ Turns ㄱ/ㄷ/ㅂ into ㅋ/ㅌ/ㅍ	B2 Pronunciation: compare 격음화 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-LNK-001
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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
받침 ㄹ Pronouncing the Korean Liquid Final	A2 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄹ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-BAT-001

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