



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 기분이 좋아요 / 기분 나빠요 / 심심해요

## Talking About Your Mood

| Level                      | Topic                  | Focus                                              |
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| A2 · Elementary<br>TOPIK 2 | Vocabulary<br>Feelings | 기분이 좋아요 / 기분 나빠요 / 심심해요<br>Talking About Your Mood |

## Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

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## Core Idea

Okay, real question. When someone asks how I'm doing, I only know 좋아요. Good. Every day, just good.

그건 정말 흔한 문제예요. That is a very common problem. Real moods have more than one color, so today we add useful words.

The key word is 기분. 기분 means mood, or the feeling you have right now. It is not your personality. It is your mood in the moment.

Wait, so it is not really I am good. It is more like the mood is good. The feeling is the subject, not me.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean                   | Meaning                                 |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Hana    | 준호 씨, 오늘 기분이 어때요?<br>—   | Junho, how do you feel today?           |
| Junho   | 오늘 기분이 좋아요. 하나 씨는요?<br>— | I feel good today. How about you, Hana? |



| Speaker | Korean                  | Meaning                                     |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Hana    | 저는 좀 피곤해요. 요즘 바빠요.<br>— | I'm a little tired. I'm busy these days.    |
| Junho   | 아, 심심하지 않아요?<br>—       | Ah, you're not bored?                       |
| Hana    | 네, 안 심심해요. 조금 신나요.<br>— | Right, I'm not bored. I'm a little excited. |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                                       | Meaning                                | Example                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 기분<br>gibun                                | mood, feeling right now                | The key word is 기분. 기분 means mood, or the feeling you have right now. It is not your personality. It is your mood in the moment. |
| 기분이 좋아요<br>gibun-i joayo                   | I feel good; my mood is good           | 기분이 좋아요. In English, I feel good. Literally, the mood is good. 기분 is the subject, and 좋아요 means good.                            |
| 기분이 나빠요<br>gibun-i nappayo                 | I feel bad; my mood is bad             | And the opposite is 기분이 나빠요. I feel bad. 나쁘다 is the base word for bad, and 나빠요 is the polite present form.                       |
| 기분이 + 좋아요 / 나빠요<br>gibun-i joayo / nappayo | the mood is good / bad                 | 맞아요. Exactly. Korean often makes the feeling the subject. 기분이 좋아요 means the mood is good, and you are the person feeling it.     |
| 심심해요<br>simsimhaeyo                        | I'm bored                              | Now we add moods you will use often. 심심해요 means I'm bored, or there is nothing interesting to do.                                |
| 신나요<br>sinnayo                             | I'm excited; I'm thrilled              | 그리고 신나요. And I'm excited. 신나다 has bright, lifted energy. 오늘 정말 신나요 means I'm really excited today.                               |
| 피곤해요<br>pigonhaeyo                         | I'm tired                              | And one word everyone needs is 피곤해요. I'm tired. 피곤하다 means tired, worn out, or low on energy.                                    |
| 심심해요 / 피곤해요<br>simsimhaeyo / pigonhaeyo    | one word can express the whole feeling | 좋은 정리예요. Good summary. 심심하다 and 피곤하다 are full describing words. 좋다 is very broad, so 기분 shows that we mean your mood.            |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 기분

기분 — mood, feeling right now

the feeling you have in the moment

### 기분이 좋아요

기분 + 이 + 좋아요 — I feel good; my mood is good

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### 기분이 나빠요

기분 + 이 + 나빠요 — I feel bad; my mood is bad

And the opposite is 기분이 나빠요. I feel bad. 나쁘다 is the base word for bad, and 나빠요 is the polite present form.

### 기분이 + 좋아요 / 나빠요

기분이 + 좋아요 / 나빠요 — the mood is good / bad

the feeling is the subject

### 심심해요

심심해요 — I'm bored

from 심심하다, bored or having nothing to do

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase     | How to practice     |
|------------|---------------------|
| 오늘 기분이 좋아요 | oneul gibun-i joayo |
| 요즘 심심해요    | yojeum simsimhaeyo  |
| 심심         | simsim              |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 기분이 좋아요 / 기분 나빠요 / 심심해요 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                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 속상하다 / 답답하다 /<br>뿌듯하다<br>Saying How You Really<br>Feel | B1 Vocabulary: compare 속상하다 / 답답하다 /<br>뿌듯하다 with this lesson so the boundary<br>becomes clearer.      | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-EMO-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-EMO-001</a> |
| 억울하다 / 서운하다 / 벅차다<br>Nuanced Emotional<br>Expression   | C1 Vocabulary: compare 억울하다 / 서운하다 /<br>벅차다 with this lesson so the boundary<br>becomes clearer.       | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-EMO-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-EMO-001</a> |
| 좋아요 / 싫어요 / 무서워요<br>Your First Korean Feeling<br>Words | A1 Vocabulary: compare 좋아요 / 싫어요 /<br>무서워요 with this lesson so the boundary<br>becomes clearer.        | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-EMO-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-EMO-001</a> |
| 짜증나다 / 설레다 / 후련하다 /<br>아쉽다<br>Mid-Level Emotion Words  | B2 Vocabulary: compare 짜증나다 / 설레다 /<br>후련하다 / 아쉽다 with this lesson so the<br>boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-EMO-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-EMO-001</a> |

## My Notes

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