



Korean Ladder Study Note

오지다 / 지리다 / 찼다

Slang for 'That's Insane'

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Colloquial Slang	오지다 / 지리다 / 찼다 Slang for 'That's Insane'

Study Links

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Core Idea

Here's my question. I hear Korean friends say 찼다, 지린다, and 미쳤다, and subtitles just say "that's crazy." Are these compliments, insults, or swear words?

좋은 질문이에요. 이 표현들은 보통 강한 감탄이에요. In English, they are high-intensity reactions, like "that's insane," "that's wild," or "that's amazing."

하지만 전부 캐주얼하고 반말 느낌이 강해요. Use them with friends, not in a job interview, not to a professor, and not in formal customer service.

So these are not my first words to my Korean boss after a presentation.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이 영상 봤어? 춤 진짜 찼다.	Did you see this video? The dancing is seriously insane.
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Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	봤어. 마지막 동작은 진짜 지린다. —	I saw it. The last move is seriously mind-blowing.
Hana	그리고 이 케이크도 미쳤다. —	And this cake is insane too.
Junho	인정. 오늘 카페 선택 오졌네. —	Agreed. Today's cafe choice was amazing.
Hana	춤 진짜 찼다. —	The dancing is seriously insane.
Junho	마지막 동작은 진짜 지린다. —	The last move is seriously mind-blowing.
Hana	이 케이크도 미쳤다. —	This cake is insane too.
Junho	카페 선택 오졌네. —	The cafe choice was amazing.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
오진다 / 지린다 / 찼다 / 미쳤다 ojinda / jirinda / jjeonda / michyeotda	That's insane / wild / amazing	맞아요. 오늘의 핵심 표현은 오진다, 지린다, 찼다, 미쳤는데요. They all give a strong "wow," but the feeling changes by word and situation.
뜻 + 상황 + 거리감 tteut + sanghwang + georigam	meaning + situation + social distance	세 가지를 같이 봐야 해요. Meaning, context, and social distance. The same word can feel fun with a friend and rude in the wrong room.
오지다 → 오진다 / 오지네 / 오졌네 ojida → ojinda / ojine / ojyeonne	to be insane → it's insane / wow / that was amazing	오진다 comes from 오지다. As a reaction, people also say 오지네 or 오졌네. It is casual, youthful, and strong.
지린다 jirinda	That's insanely intense	그래서 지린다는 친구들끼리만 쓰는 느낌이에요. In English, think "so intense it blows your mind," but with a rough slang edge.
찼다 / 찼네 / 찼어 / 찼었다 jjeonda / jjeone / jjeoreo / jjeoreotda	It's insane / wow / awesome / was insane	찼다 is from 찼다. You may also hear 찼네, 찼어, and 찼었다. They are all casual.
대상: 물건·상황 > 사람 daesang: mulgeon·s anghwang > saram	Target: things/situations are safer than people	정확해요. 물건이나 상황에 붙이면 감탄이 되기 쉬워요. 사람에게 직접 붙이면 조심해야 해요. In English, praising the thing is safer than labeling the person.



Word	Meaning	Example
오진다 · 지린다 · 찼다 · 미쳤다 ojinda · jirinda · jjeonda · michyeotda	Four levels of “that’s insane”	이제 네 표현을 느낌별로 정리해 봅시다. 오진다 is impressed and intense. 지린다 is rough and overwhelming. 찼다 is casual awesome or extreme. 미쳤다 is unbelievable, but target matters.
미쳤다 → 놀랍습니다 / 대단합니다 / 인상적입니다 michyeotda → nollapseumnida / da edanhapseumnida / insangjeogimnida	insane → remarkable / impressive / outstanding	With friends, 결과 미쳤다 can work. In a formal meeting, use 놀랍습니다, 대단합니다, or 인상적입니다.



Grammar / Structure Notes

오진다 / 지린다 / 찼다 / 미쳤다

오진다 / 지린다 / 찼다 / 미쳤다 — That's insane / wild / amazing

Very casual reaction slang

뜻 + 상황 + 거리감

뜻 + 상황 + 거리감 — meaning + situation + social distance

Slang depends on who you are talking to

와, 노래 오진다.

와, + 노래 + 오진다. — Wow, the song is insane.

먼저 오진다예요. 오진다 is like “that’s insanely good,” “that’s intense,” or “that’s next level.” It often sounds impressed.

오지다 → 오진다 / 오지네 / 오졌네

오지다 → 오진다 / 오지네 / 오졌네 — to be insane → it’s insane / wow / that was amazing

Casual slang; often impressed

와, 이 장면 지린다.

와, + 이 + 장면 + 지린다. — Wow, this scene is insane.

다음은 지린다예요. 지린다 is stronger and rougher. It can mean “that’s insane,” but the original verb has a crude physical meaning, so the slang feels rough.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
와, 노래 오진다.	wa, noraе ojinda.
실력 찼다.	sillyeok jjeonda.
찼다.	jjeonda.
오졌네.	ojyeonne.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 오지다 / 지린다 / 찼다 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
갑툭튀 / 들보잡 / 뇌피셜 Slang for Sudden Appearances and Made-Up Facts	B1 Colloquial: compare 갑툭튀 / 들보잡 / 뇌피셜 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-SLG-004
멘붕 / 핵 / 짱 / 꿀팁 Everyday Casual Slang	B1 Colloquial: compare 멘붕 / 핵 / 짱 / 꿀팁 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-SLG-001
현타 / 노잼 / 극혐 Slang for Burnout, Boredom, and Disgust	B1 Colloquial: compare 현타 / 노잼 / 극혐 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-SLG-002
가성비 / 가심비 / 플렉스 / 득템 소비 세대의 신조어	B2 Colloquial: compare 가성비 / 가심비 / 플렉스 / 득템 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-SLG-003

My Notes

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