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More Korean Chat Shorthand

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk — my friend replied to my long message with just '○○.' I thought my phone glitched.

Same. It looks like a typo. How is '○○' an actual word you can read out loud?

걱정 마세요. 한국 사람들은 음절의 첫 자음만 써서 단어를 줄여요. In English — Koreans keep just the first consonant of each syllable and drop the vowels.

Think of it like 'ttyl' or 'omg' in English. Same idea — just with 한글 consonants.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	내일 시간 있어? —	You free tomorrow?
Junho	○○ 괜찮아 —	Yeah, I'm good



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	늦어서 ㅈㅈ —	Sorry I'm late
Junho	ㄴㄴ 괜찮아 —	No no, it's fine

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
줄임말 jul-im-mal	abbreviation / short form	걱정 마세요. 한국 사람들은 음절의 첫 자음만 써서 단어를 줄여요. In English — Koreans keep just the first consonant of each syllable and drop the vowels.
응응 eung-eung	yeah / yes (casual)	첫 번째예요. ㅇㅇ는 응응의 줄임말이에요. The two ㅇ stand for 응 plus 응 — a casual 'yeah.'
ㅇ + ㅇ → 응 + 응 —	one letter per syllable	Wait — so each ㅇ is one 응? That's actually kind of elegant.
응 eung	More Korean Chat Shorthand	맞아요. 응 sounds like 'eung' — a soft, relaxed yes. Say it gently, not sharply.
ㅇㅇ = 응응 eung-eung	yeah / yes	여기 중요한 점이 있어요. ㅇㅇ도 각 응의 첫 글자를 따요 — 그런데 ㅇ은 소리가 없는 자리예요. So you can't sound 응 out from it; just memorize 응응.
ㅇ = 묵음 —	silent placeholder	Got it — the ㅇ is silent, so it's a memory thing, not a sound-it-out thing.
노노 no-no	no no (playful)	다음은 ㄴㄴ이에요. 노노의 줄임말이에요 — 가벼운 '아니, 아니.' Each ㄴ is the start of 노.
ㄴㄴ no-no	nah / no worries	ㄴㄴ feels light and friendly — like waving it off. It's softer than a flat 아니야.



Grammar / Structure Notes

줄임말

줄임말 — abbreviation / short form

Keep the first consonant of each syllable; drop the vowels.

ㅇㅇ = ?

ㅇㅇ = ? — Letters stand in for full words

One consonant = one syllable's start.

응응

응 + 응 — yeah / yes (casual)

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ㅇㅇ = 응응 — yeah / yes

ㅇㅇ does take the first letter of each 응, but ㅇ is a silent placeholder — so memorize 응응 rather than trying to sound it out. The true rule-breaker is ㅂㅂ (바이바이).

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
응	eung
죄송	joe-song
응응, 노노, 죄송	eung-eung · no-no · joe-song
응응 · 노노 · 죄송	eung-eung · no-no · joe-song
노노	no-no
인정	in-jeong

Self-Check

- 1 Say ㅇㅇ / ㄴㄴ / ㅈㅈ / ㅇㅈ 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
ㅇㅋ / ㄱㄱ / ㅋㅋ Reading Korean Text and Chat Abbreviations	B1 Colloquial: compare ㅇㅋ / ㄱㄱ / ㅋㅋ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-TXT-001
ㅎㅇ / ㅎㅎ / ㄱㅅ Beginner Korean Chat Abbreviations	A2 Colloquial: compare ㅎㅇ / ㅎㅎ / ㄱㅅ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-COLLOQ-TXT-001
ㅠㅠ / Korean Emoticons and Tone in Text	B2 Colloquial: compare ㅠㅠ / with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-TXT-001
-어 / -지 / -자 / -래? Casual Sentence Endings Among Friends	B1 Colloquial: compare -어 / -지 / -자 / -래? with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-BAN-001

My Notes

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