



Korean Ladder Study Note

마다 / 씩 / 째

Saying 'Each', 'Per', and 'Every'

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Grammar Particles	마다 / 씩 / 째 Saying 'Each', 'Per', and 'Every'

Study Links

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Core Idea

Here is my problem. If I want to say two candies each, do I say 사탕마다 or 두 개씩? In English, both feel like each.

좋은 질문이에요. English uses one word for several ideas, but Korean separates the meaning very neatly.

Here is the map. **마다** means every or each one. **씩** means per amount or at a time. **째** means the Nth, or a count that is still going.

먼저 **마다**예요. **마다** attaches to a noun and means every one, with no exception. **아침마다** means every morning. **사람마다** means every person.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	요즘 아침마다 운동해요. —	These days I exercise every morning.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	대단해요. 얼마나 해요? —	Impressive. How much do you do?
Hana	삼십 분씩 해요. —	Thirty minutes each time.
Junho	오늘로 며칠째예요? —	As of today, how many days has it been?
Hana	오늘이 십 일째예요. —	Today is day ten.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
마다 · 씩 · 째 -mada · -ssik · -jjae	every · per amount · the Nth	Here is the map. 마다 means every or each one. 씩 means per amount or at a time. 째 means the Nth, or a count that is still going.
-마다 -mada	every ____ / each ____	먼저 마다예요. 마다 attaches to a noun and means every one, with no exception. 아침마다 means every morning. 사람마다 means every person.
저는 날마다 커피를 마셔요 jeo-neun nal-mada keo-pi-reul ma-syeo-yo	I drink coffee every day.	저는 날마다 커피를 마셔요. In English, I drink coffee every day. 날 is day, and 마다 turns it into every day.
주말마다 ju-mal-mada	every weekend	So 마다 sweeps through the whole set. 날마다 is every day, and 주말마다 is every weekend.
사람마다 생각이 달라요 saram-mada saeng-gak-i dal-la-yo	Everyone thinks differently.	맞아요. 마다 can also show that each person or each case is different. 사람마다 생각이 달라요 means everyone thinks differently.
-씩 -ssik	per / each amount / at a time	이제 씩이에요. 씩 is about distribution. It tells how much goes to each person, each step, or each time.
사탕을 두 개씩 주세요 sa-tang-eul du gae-ssik ju-se-yo	Please give two candies each.	사탕을 두 개씩 주세요. Please give two candies each. 두 개 is the amount, and 씩 spreads that amount to each person.
두 개씩 du gae-ssik	two each / two at a time	So 씩 answers how many to each. Two candies each, one page at a time, thirty minutes per day. That is 씩.



Grammar / Structure Notes

마다 · 씩 · 째

마다 · 씩 · 째 — every · per amount · the Nth

Same English 'each,' three different jobs.

-마다

-마다 — every ____ / each ____

아침마다 = every morning

저는 날마다 커피를 마셔요

저는 + 날 + 마다 + 커피를 + 마셔요 — I drink coffee every day.

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주말마다

주말마다 — every weekend

마다 = the whole set, no gaps

사람마다 생각이 달라요

사람 + 마다 + 생각이 + 달라요 — Everyone thinks differently.

맞아요. 마다 can also show that each person or each case is different. 사람마다 생각이 달라요 means everyone thinks differently.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
아침마다	a-chim-mada
한 개씩	han gae-ssik

Self-Check

- 1 Say 마다 / 씩 / 째 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
도 Saying 'Also', 'Too', and 'Even' in Korean	A1 Grammar: compare 도 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-006
부터 / 까지 Saying 'From' and 'Until' for Time and Place	A1 Grammar: compare 부터 / 까지 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-010
에 The Korean Particle for Place and Time	A1 Grammar: compare 에 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-004
에서 Where the Action Happens	A1 Grammar: compare 에서 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-005

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