



Korean Ladder Study Note

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Why 부엌 Sounds Like 부엌 and 앞 Like 압

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Pronunciation Batchim	받침 ㄱ / ㅍ / ㄷ / ㅅ Why 부엌 Sounds Like 부엌 and 앞 Like 압

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-PRON-BAT-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dqc_1lYrTn0

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Core Idea

I see 부엌, and my English brain wants to pronounce every letter. Why does it sound more like 부엌 when it stands alone?

좋은 질문이에요. 오늘 배울 내용은 음절 끝소리 규칙이에요.

The key idea is simple. At the end of a syllable, Korean allows only a small set of final sounds. So some written 받침 change in pronunciation.

키읔 and 쌍기역 become a 기역 sound at the end: 부엌은 [부엌], 밖은 [박].

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	부엌 문이 열려 있어요. —	The kitchen door is open.
Junho	가방은 앞에 있어요? —	Is the bag in front?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	아니요, 밖에 있어요. —	No, it is outside.
Junho	아, 앞문 옆에 있네요. —	Oh, it is next to the front door.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
음절 끝소리 규칙 eumjeol kkeutsori gyuchik	syllable-final sound rule	좋은 질문이에요. 오늘 배울 내용은 음절 끝소리 규칙이에요.
받침 ㄱ / ㄷ / ㅌ / ㅍ / ㅂ batchim kieuk / ssanggiyeok / pieup / ssangsiot	final ㄱ / ㄷ / ㅌ / ㅍ / ㅂ	The key idea is simple. At the end of a syllable, Korean allows only a small set of final sounds. So some written 받침 change in pronunciation.
ㄱ / ㄷ → ㄱ kieuk / ssanggiyeok → giyeok	final ㄱ and ㄷ are pronounced like ㄱ	키읔 and 쌍기억 become a 기억 sound at the end: 부엌은 [부억], 밖은 [박].
ㅍ → ㅂ pieup → bieup	final ㅍ is pronounced like ㅂ	피읖 becomes a 비읍 sound at the end: 앞 is pronounced [압].
ㅂ → ㄷ ssangsiot → digeut	final ㅂ is pronounced like ㄷ	쌍시옷 becomes a 디귤 sound at the end: 있다 is heard as [읇따] in natural speech.
부엌 bueok	Why 부엌 Sounds Like 부억 and 앞 Like 압	Listen first. 부엌. When the word ends there, the final 키읔 is pronounced like 기억: [부억].
부엌이 깨끗해요 bueoki kkaekkeutaeyo	The kitchen is clean.	좋아요. But when a particle starts with a vowel, the written 받침 can move into the next syllable.
부엌 / 부엌 문 bueok / bueok mun	Why 부엌 Sounds Like 부억 and 앞 Like 압	Now 부엌 문. The spelling is 부엌 plus 문, but in natural speech it sounds like [부엌문].



Grammar / Structure Notes

음절 끝소리 규칙

음절 끝소리 규칙 — syllable-final sound rule

Some final consonants are pronounced as simpler final sounds.

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받침 ㄱ / ㄷ / ㅍ / ㅅ — final ㄱ / ㄷ / ㅍ / ㅅ

They simplify at the end of a syllable.

ㄱ / ㄷ → ㄱ

ㄱ / ㄷ → ㄱ — final ㄱ and ㄷ are pronounced like ㄱ

부억 [부억], 밖 [박]

ㅍ → ㅂ

ㅍ → ㅂ — final ㅍ is pronounced like ㅂ

앞 [압]

ㅅ → ㄷ

ㅅ → ㄷ — final ㅅ is pronounced like ㄷ

있다 [임따]

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
부억	bueok
부영문	bueok / bueok mun
박	bak
압	ap
암문이 열려 있어요	ammuni yeollyeo isseoyo
임따	itda
부어키	bueoki
바께	bakke

Self-Check

1 Say 받침 ㄱ / ㅍ / ㄷ / ㅅ 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
받침 ㄴ / ㅇ / ㅁ Mastering the Nasal Final Consonants	B1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄴ / ㅇ / ㅁ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-PRON-BAT-001
가 Hearing Whether a Syllable Ends in a Batchim	A1 Pronunciation: compare 가 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-003
겹받침 ㄱ / ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ Pronouncing Double Final Consonants	B2 Pronunciation: compare 겹받침 ㄱ / ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-BAT-001
겹받침 ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ / ㅁ The Rarer Double Finals	B2 Pronunciation: compare 겹받침 ㄴ / ㄷ / ㄹ / ㅁ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-BAT-002

My Notes

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