



Korean Ladder Study Note

불파음

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Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Pronunciation Batchim	불파음 받침 ㄱ·ㄷ·ㅂ를 터뜨리지 않고 멈추는 법

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-PRON-BAT-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9O_zobXYaU

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Core Idea

Okay, confession. When I order rice in Korean, I say it with a big pop at the end, and people kind of squint at me.

아, 그 소리 알아요. 밥. You open your lips again at the end and a little puff comes out.

Wait, so the puff is the problem? In English I say words like top and cap, and sometimes that air just comes out.

맞아요. 영어에서는 괜찮아요. But in Korean, at the end of a syllable, we don't let the air out.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	뭐 먹을래요? —	What do you want to eat?
Junho	저는 국밥. —	I'll have gukbap.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	그럼 저는 비빔밥. —	Then I'll have bibimbap.
Junho	물 줄까요? —	Want some water?
Hana	네, 물 한 컵. —	Yes, one cup of water.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
불파음 bulpaeum	unreleased stop — closed, no burst	이걸 불파음이라고 해요. 불파음 means an unreleased stop. The sound closes, but it never bursts.
받침 ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ batchim k · t · p	the three stop finals	받침 기억, 디귤, 비읍. 이 세 소리가 오늘의 주인공이에요. These three finals are today's stars.
밥 ≠ 바프 bap, not ba-peu	a pop adds a syllable that isn't there	보통은 알아들어요. But a pop can sound like an extra syllable. 밥이 바프처럼 들릴 수 있어요, and that sounds foreign.
밥 bap	받침 ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ를 터뜨리지 않고 멈추는 법	자, 들어 보세요. 밥. 비읍에서 입술을 닫고, 그냥 멈춰요. The lips close, and the sound just stops.
낱 nat	받침 ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ를 터뜨리지 않고 멈추는 법	이번엔 디귤이에요. 낱. 낱알의 낱이에요, a grain. The tip of the tongue touches behind the teeth and stays there.
악 ak	받침 ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ를 터뜨리지 않고 멈추는 법	그리고 기억. 악. 혀 뒤쪽을 올리고 멈춰요. The back of the tongue rises and closes, like a door shutting quietly.
책 · 국 · 집 chaek · guk · jip	book · soup · house	단어로 들어 볼까요. 책. 국. 집. Book, soup, house. Each one ends in silence.
저는 국밥 jeoneun gukbap	I'll have the gukbap (rice soup).	문장 끝에서도 똑같아요. 저는 국밥. At the end of a sentence, 밥 just stops before the pause.



Grammar / Structure Notes

불파음

불파음 — unreleased stop — closed, no burst

받침 ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ at the end of a syllable

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받침 ㄱ · ㄷ · ㅂ — the three stop finals

k-shape, t-shape, p-shape — all held

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밥 ≠ 바프

밥 ≠ 바프 — a pop adds a syllable that isn't there

Stop the sound — don't release it

책 · 국 · 집

책 · 국 · 집 — book · soup · house

ㄱ, ㄷ, ㅂ — all held, no burst

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
밥	bap
날	nat
악	ak
책	chaek

Self-Check

- 1 Say 불파음 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
받침 ㄷ / ㅌ / ㅈ / ㅊ Why 부엌 Sounds Like 부엌 and 앞 Like 앞	B1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄷ / ㅌ / ㅈ / ㅊ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-PRON-BAT-002
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
갓·갈·갸·간 Hearing Near-Identical Batchim in Minimal Sets	A1 Pronunciation: compare 갓·갈·갸·간 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-010

My Notes

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