



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 조리법

볶다 / 끓이다 / 굽다 / 삶다

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Vocabulary Food & Dining	조리법 볶다 / 끓이다 / 굽다 / 삶다

## Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siH6a5o-kH4>

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## Core Idea

Okay, real question. In English I just say 'cook.' Cook the rice, cook the soup, cook the egg. Why does Korean need four different verbs?

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, the verb tells you HOW it's cooked — with oil, in liquid, over fire. 방법이 중요해요 — the method matters.

그래서 오늘 네 가지 방법을 배워요. 볶다, 끓이다, 굽다, 삶다. Learn these and you can read almost any recipe.

여기 네 개예요. 볶다 — stir-fry. 끓이다 — boil in liquid. 굽다 — grill or roast. 삶다 — boil in water and take it out.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 뭐 먹을까요? —	What should we eat today?
Junho	고기를 구워요. 삼겹살 어때요? —	Let's grill meat. How about samgyeopsal?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	좋아요. 그럼 계란도 삶아요. —	Sounds good. Then let's also boil some eggs.
Junho	그리고 밥은 볶아요. 볶음밥. —	And let's stir-fry the rice — fried rice.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
네 가지 조리법 ne gaji joribeop	four cooking methods	그래서 오늘 네 가지 방법을 배워요. 볶다, 끓이다, 굽다, 삶다. Learn these and you can read almost any recipe.
볶다 · 끓이다 · 굽다 · 삶다 bokkda · kkeurida · gupda · samda	stir-fry · boil (in broth) · grill/roast · boil (in water)	여기 네 개예요. 볶다 — stir-fry. 끓이다 — boil in liquid. 굽다 — grill or roast. 삶다 — boil in water and take it out.
볶다 bokkda	stir-fry in oil, keep it moving	먼저 볶주세요. 기름에 넣고 저으면서 익혀요 — oil, high heat, keep it moving.
밥을 볶아요 babeul bokkayo	I stir-fry the rice.	밥을 볶아요. I stir-fry the rice.
볶음밥 bokkeumbap	fried rice — the '볶다' dish	Oh — so that's where 볶음밥 comes from? Fried rice is literally 'stir-fried rice.'
끓이다 kkeurida	boil something in liquid	다음은 끓이다예요. 물이나 국물에서 끓여요 — bubbling liquid, water or broth.
라면을 끓여요 ramyeoneul kkeuryeoyo	I boil (make) ramyeon.	라면을 끓여요. I boil ramyeon.
찌개를 끓여요 jjigaereul kkeuryeoyo	I make (boil) the stew.	찌개를 끓여요. I make — literally 'boil' — the stew.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 네 가지 조리법

네 가지 조리법 — four cooking methods

One 'cook' in English — four verbs in Korean.

### 볶다 · 끓이다 · 굽다 · 삶다

볶다 · 끓이다 · 굽다 · 삶다 — stir-fry · boil (in broth) · grill/roast · boil (in water)

The verb names the method, not just 'cook.'

### 볶다

볶다 — stir-fry in oil, keep it moving

기름 + 저으며 익히기

### 밥을 볶아요

밥 + 을 + 볶아요 — I stir-fry the rice.

밥을 볶아요. I stir-fry the rice.

### 볶음밥

볶음밥 — fried rice — the '볶다' dish

볶다 → 볶음 (the menu word)

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
살마요	salmayo
삶마요	salmayo

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 조리법 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
맵다 / 짜다 / 달다 / 시다 Describing How Food Tastes	A2 Vocabulary: compare 맵다 / 짜다 / 달다 / 시다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-FOO-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-FOO-001</a>
물 / 커피 / 밥 Essential Food Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 물 / 커피 / 밥 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-001</a>
개 / 명 / 마리 / 잔 / 권 Korean Counters for Everything	B1 Vocabulary: compare 개 / 명 / 마리 / 잔 / 권 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-NUM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-NUM-001</a>
공항 / 기차역 / 표 Getting Around While Traveling	B1 Vocabulary: compare 공항 / 기차역 / 표 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-TRV-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-TRV-001</a>

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