



Korean Ladder Study Note

# 배달 음식 / 치맥

## Korea's Delivery and Late-Night Food Culture

Level	Topic	Focus
B2 · Upper-Intermediate TOPIK 4	Culture Food Culture	배달 음식 / 치맥 Korea's Delivery and Late-Night Food Culture

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### Core Idea

Okay, real question to start. Back home, 'delivery' basically means pizza on a Friday. But my Korean friends talk about 배달 like it's a whole way of life. What am I missing?

좋은 질문이에요. 한국에서 배달은 그냥 서비스가 아니라 문화예요. 거의 모든 음식을 집까지 시킬 수 있어요.

오늘의 첫 표현이에요. 배달 음식. 함께 보면서 배워요.

음식은 food예요. 라면, 치킨, 떡볶이, 다 배달돼요.

### Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 밤에 뭐 해요? —	What are you doing tonight?
Junho	글썸요. 배고파요. —	Hmm, I'm hungry.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	그럼 우리 치맥하러 가요. —	Then let's go out for chicken and beer.
Junho	좋아요. 맥주도 같이 시켜요. —	Sounds good. Let's get beer with it too.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
배달 음식 bae-dal eum-sik	delivery food	오늘의 첫 표현이에요. 배달 음식. 함께 보면서 배워요.
음식 eum-sik	food	음식은 food예요. 라면, 치킨, 떡볶이, 다 배달돼요.
배달 bae-dal	delivery	오늘의 표현은 배달이에요. 배달은 음식을 집까지 가져다주는 거예요 — delivery.
시켜 먹다 si-kyeo meok-da	to order food and eat (in)	그래서 한국에서는 '오늘 뭐 시켜 먹을까?'가 아주 흔한 말이에요. 시켜 먹다 means to order in and eat.
치킨 시켜 먹어요 chi-kin si-kyeo meo-geo-yo	Let's order chicken and eat	예문을 볼게요. 치킨 시켜 먹어요. We'll order chicken and eat it.
시켜 + 먹어요 si-kyeo + meo-geo-yo	order (it) → eat (it)	So 시켜 먹어요 stacks two verbs — order it, then eat it. That's neat, one little phrase does both.
맥주도 같이 주세요 maek-ju-do ga-chi ju-se-yo	Beer as well, please.	맞아요. 그리고 주문할 때 이렇게 더 말해요. 맥주도 같이 주세요.
맥주 + 도 + 같이 maek-ju + do + ga-chi	beer + too + along with it	Let me reason it out — 맥주 is beer, 도 is 'too', and 같이 is 'along with it'. So it's 'beer as well, please' — beer along with the order.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 배달 음식

배달 음식 — delivery food

배달 (delivery) + 음식 (food)

### 음식

음식 — food

the second half of 배달 음식

### 배달

배달 — delivery

bringing food right to your door

### 시켜 먹다

시켜 먹다 — to order food and eat (in)

시키다 (order) + 먹다 (eat)

### 치킨 시켜 먹어요

치킨 + 시켜 + 먹어요 — Let's order chicken and eat

예문을 볼게요. 치킨 시켜 먹어요. We'll order chicken and eat it.

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
치맥카러 가요	chi-maek-ha-reo ga-yo
치맥카러	chi-maek-ha-reo
그럼 우리 치맥카러 가요	geu-reom u-ri chi-maek-ha-reo ga-yo
야싱 머글래요?	ya-sik meo-geul-lae-yo?
머글래요?	meo-geul-lae-yo?

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 배달 음식 / 치맥 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.



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Lesson	Why study it next	Link
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경조사 예절 결혼식·장례식 봉투와 조의금	B2 Culture: compare 경조사 예절 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-ETQ-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-ETQ-001</a>
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