



Korean Ladder Study Note

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The Rarer Double Finals

Level	Topic	Focus
B2 · Upper-Intermediate TOPIK 4	Pronunciation Batchim	겹받침 ㄹ / ㄹㄹ / ㄹㅎ / ㅁ The Rarer Double Finals

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-BAT-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmlb7wEOhag>

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk. I can kind of handle 닭 and 앓다 now. But then I see 싫다, and my mouth tries to say both 리을 and 히읇 at once. It sounds messy.

그거 정말 흔한 헛갈림이에요. In English, you want every letter to make a sound. But in Korean batchim, the cluster has a survivor.

오늘은 좀 드문 겹받침이에요. 리을 시읏, 리을 티읏, 리을 히읏, 그리고 비읏 시읏. 꺾, 핏다, 싫다, 값 같은 말이에요.

핵심은 이거예요. 자음 앞이나 말이 끊길 때는 두 글자 중 하나만 소리 나요. In English, before a pause or a consonant, only one half is said.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	이 케이크, 값이 어때요? —	This cake — how's the price?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	값이 좀 비싸요. —	The price is a bit expensive.
Junho	민트 크림은 싫어요. —	I don't like the mint cream.
Hana	그럼 초코로 해요. 저도 민트는 싫어요. —	Then let's do chocolate. I don't like mint either.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
ㄹㅅ · ㄹㅈ · ㄹㅊ · ㅂㅅ ls · lt · lh · bs	the rarer double finals	오늘은 좀 드문 겹받침이에요. 리을 시옷, 리을 티을, 리을 히읏, 그리고 비읍 시옷. 꺾, 활다, 싫다, 값 같은 말이에요.
자음 앞 · 끊김 → 한 글자만 jaeum ap · kkeunkim → han geulja-man	before a consonant or pause: only one sound	핵심은 이거예요. 자음 앞이나 말이 끊길 때는 두 글자 중 하나만 소리 나요. In English, before a pause or a consonant, only one half is said.
ㄹㅅ · ㄹㅈ · ㄹㅊ → ㄹ · ㅂㅅ → ㅂ ls · lt · lh → r/l · bs → b	survivors: ㄹ for the ㄹ-clusters, ㅂ for ㅂㅅ	그래서 오늘 외울 Survivors는 이래요. ㄹ, ㄹㅈ, ㄹㅊ는 리을이 남고, ㅂ는 비읍이 남아요.
꺾 gol	path between fields / furrow	첫 번째 예예요. 꺾. 논과 논 사이의 좁은 길, 이랑 길을 뜻해요. 받침을 보면 리을하고 시옷이 같이 있어요.
활다 haltta	to lick	두 번째예요. 활다. 고양이가 손을 활다, 할 때 그 활다예요. 받침이 리을하고 티을이에요.
싫다 silta	to dislike / to not want	세 번째는 정말 자주 써요. 싫다. '그건 싫다' 할 때예요. 받침이 리을하고 히읏이에요.
싫다 → [실타] silta	ㄹ survives; ㅎ reshapes the next sound	Wait — so in 싫다 I should not try to hiss a separate ㅎ. I say 싫다 as [실타], and the air just makes the next sound harder.
값 gap	price / cost	마지막은 값이요. 가격이라는 뜻이에요. 받침이 비읍하고 시옷이에요. This one is useful every day.



Grammar / Structure Notes

ㄹㅏ · ㄹㅔ · ㄹㅎ · ㅁㅏ

ㄹㅏ · ㄹㅔ · ㄹㅎ · ㅁㅏ — the rarer double finals

Survivors first: ㄹ, ㄹ, ㄹ, ㅁ

자음 앞 · 끊김 → 한 글자만

자음 앞 · 끊김 → 한 글자만 — before a consonant or pause: only one sound

the other half waits for a vowel

ㄹㅏ · ㄹㅔ · ㄹㅎ → ㄹ · ㅁㅏ → ㅁ

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memorize the survivor, not both letters

꺾

꺾 — path between fields / furrow

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꺾

꺾 — ls cluster → said [꺾]; only ㄹ survives

자음 앞이나 단독으로 말할 때는 리을만 남아요. 그래서 [꺾]이에요. 시옷은 아직 안 나와요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
[할따]	haltta
[실타]	silta
[갭]	gap
[할타]	halta
[시러]	sireo
[실타] / [시러]	silta · sireo
[갭] / [갭씨]	gap · gapssi

Self-Check

- 1 Say 꺾받침 ㄹㅏ / ㄹㅔ / ㄹㅎ / ㅁㅏ 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
겹받침 ㄱ / ㅋ / ㆁ / ㄷ Pronouncing Double Final Consonants	B2 Pronunciation: compare 겹받침 ㄱ / ㅋ / ㆁ / ㄷ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-BAT-001
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 ㄹ Pronouncing the Korean Liquid Final	A2 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㄹ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-BAT-001
받침 ㅅ / ㅆ / ㅈ / ㅊ / ㅌ Why They All Sound Like ㅅ	A2 Pronunciation: compare 받침 ㅅ / ㅆ / ㅈ / ㅊ / ㅌ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-BAT-002

My Notes

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