



Korean Ladder Study Note

ㄴ 첨가

Why 한여름 Sounds Like 한녀름

Level	Topic	Focus
B2 · Upper-Intermediate TOPIK 4	Pronunciation Linking Sounds	ㄴ 첨가 Why 한여름 Sounds Like 한녀름

Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSsaixYalJ4>

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. I typed 한여름 into my dictionary, and the voice read it 한녀름. Where did that extra ㄴ come from?

I hear it too. 색연필 sounds like 생년필. Nobody wrote a ㄴ, but I keep hearing one.

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Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	한여름에 뭐 해요? —	What do you do in midsummer?
Junho	색연필로 그림을 그려요. —	I draw with colored pencils.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	담요도 필요해요? —	Do you need a blanket too?
Junho	네, 에어컨 때문예요. —	Yes, because of the AC.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
ㄴ이 진짜 생겨요 nieun-i jinjja saenggyeoyo	The ㄴ is really added	좋은 귀예요. 그 소리는 진짜예요. In English — you're not imagining it, Korean really does add a ㄴ sound there.
ㄴ 첨가 nieun cheomga	ㄴ-insertion	이걸 니은 첨가라고 해요. It's called ㄴ-insertion — an extra 니은 sound slides in between two word parts.
받침 + 이·야·여·요·유 → ㄴ 첨가 —	consonant-ending + i/ya/yeo/yo/yu → insert ㄴ	규칙은 간단해요. 앞말이 받침으로 끝나고, 뒷말이 이·야·여·요·유로 시작하면, 그 사이에 니은이 들어가요. In English — front part ends in a consonant, back part starts with 이, 야, 여, 요, or 유, and a ㄴ jumps in between.
한여름 han-yeoreum → [han-nyeoreum]	midsummer	예를 들어 한여름. 한 더하기 여름이에요. 한은 받침이 있고 여름은 여로 시작하죠. 그래서 [한녀름]이 돼요.
색연필 saek-yeonpil → [saeng-nyeonpil]	colored pencil	색연필도 똑같아요. 색 더하기 연필. 사이에 니은이 들어가서 [색년필], 그리고 ㄱ이 콧소리로 바뀌어 [생년필]이 돼요. In English — the ㄱ softens into a nasal, so it lands as [생년필].
담요 dam-yo → [dam-nyo]	Why 한여름 Sounds Like 한녀름	하나 더. 담요. 담 더하기 요. [담뇨]로 읽어요. It means blanket, and it sounds like [담뇨], not [다묘].
조건 1 + 조건 2 —	1) consonant 받침 2) starts with 이/야/여/요/유	Let me see if I've got it. Two things have to be true — the first chunk ends in a consonant, AND the next chunk starts with one of those y-vowels, 이 야 여 요 유.
두 조건이 다 맞을 때만 du jogeon-i da majeul ttaeman	only when BOTH conditions hold	정확해요. 두 조건이 다 맞아야 니은이 들어가요. Both conditions — miss one, no ㄴ.



Grammar / Structure Notes

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ㄴ 첨가 — ㄴ-insertion

an extra ㄴ appears at a word seam

받침 + 이·야·여·요·유 → ㄴ 첨가

받침 + 이·야·여·요·유 → ㄴ 첨가 — consonant-ending + i/ya/yeo/yo/yu → insert ㄴ

only at a compound seam

한여름

한 + 여름 — midsummer

예를 들어 한여름. 한 더하기 여름이에요. 한은 받침이 있고 여름은 여로 시작하죠. 그래서 [한녀름]이 돼요.

색연필

색 + 연필 — colored pencil

색연필도 똑같아요. 색 더하기 연필. 사이에 니은이 들어가서 [색년필], 그리고 ㄱ이 콧소리로 바뀌어 [생년필]이 돼요. In English — the ㄱ softens into a nasal, so it lands as [생년필].

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
[담뇨]	dam-yo → [dam-nyo]
[꼰닙]	kkoch-ip → [kkon-nip]
꽃잎 → [꼰닙]	learner attempt
[서울력]	seoul-yeok → [seoul-lyeok]

Self-Check

- 1 Say ㄴ 첨가 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
격음화 When ㅎ Turns ㄱ/ㄷ/ㅂ into ㅋ/ㅌ/ㅍ	B2 Pronunciation: compare 격음화 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-LNK-001
받침이 넘어가요 음악이 → 으마기, Basic Linking for Beginners	A2 Pronunciation: compare 받침이 넘어가요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-LNK-001
연음 법칙 How Korean Words Blur Together	C1 Pronunciation: compare 연음 법칙 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-PRON-LNK-001
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

My Notes

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