



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# -(으)ㄹ 만큼 / -(으)ㄹ 정도로

Expressing Degree and Extent

| Level                    | Topic                          | Focus                                                |
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| C1 · Advanced<br>TOPIK 5 | Grammar<br>Modifiers & Clauses | -(으)ㄹ 만큼 / -(으)ㄹ 정도로<br>Expressing Degree and Extent |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-GRAM-MOD-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1FNb0A2UUI>

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## Core Idea

Okay, real question. In English I love saying stuff like 'I was so tired I could die.' How do Koreans pack that whole 'so X that Y' feeling into one clean phrase?

좋은 질문이에요. 한국어에는 딱 그런 표현이 있어요. '죽을 만큼 피곤해요' — literally, tired to the extent that I could die.

Wait, so the whole 'I could die' part becomes one little chunk in front? That is so much tighter than English.

맞아요. 오늘의 핵심 두 개는 이거예요: -(으)ㄹ 만큼, 그리고 -(으)ㄹ 정도로. 둘 다 '정도' 를 나타내요 — they both express degree.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean          | Meaning                      |
|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Junho   | 주말 잘 보냈어요?<br>— | Did you have a good weekend? |



| Speaker | Korean                      | Meaning                                     |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Hana    | 네, 그런데 죽을 만큼 바빴어요.<br>—     | Yes, but I was busy to the point of dying.  |
| Junho   | 정말요? 뭐 했는데요?<br>—           | Really? What did you do?                    |
| Hana    | 청소를 말도 못 할 정도로 많이 했어요.<br>— | I cleaned so much I can't even describe it. |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                                                         | Meaning                                                                        | Example                                                                                                |
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| -(으)ㄹ 만큼 / -(으)ㄹ 정도로<br>-(eu)l mankeum /<br>-(eu)l jeongdolo | to the extent that / so much that                                              | 맞아요. 오늘의 핵심 두 개는 이거예요: -(으)ㄹ 만큼, 그리고 -(으)ㄹ 정도로. 둘 다 '정도'를 나타내요 — they both express degree.             |
| 만큼 · 정도로<br>mankeum ·<br>jeongdolo                           | 'as much as / to that extent' · 'to that degree'                               | 만큼 은 '그만큼의 양이나 정도'를 뜻해요. It means 'as much as' or 'to that extent.' 정도로 는 '그 정도까지' — 'to that degree.' |
| 죽다 → 죽을 만큼<br>jukda → jugeul mankeum                         | to die → to the extent of dying                                                | 만드는 법은 간단해요. 동사에 미래 관형형 -(으)ㄹ 을 붙여요: 죽다 → 죽을, 울다 → 울, 못 하다 → 못 할. To that we add 만큼 or 정도로.            |
| 죽을 만큼 피곤해요<br>jugeul mankeum pigonhaeyo                      | I'm tired to the point of dying                                                | 예문을 볼게요. 죽을 만큼 피곤해요. Let's break it into pieces so you see each job.                                   |
| 말도 못 할 정도로 예뻐요<br>maldo mot hal jeongdolo yeppeoyo           | so pretty you can't even speak of it                                           | 이번엔 정도로 예문이에요. 말도 못 할 정도로 예뻐요 — so pretty you can't even put it into words.                            |
| 만큼 ≈ 정도로<br>—                                                | 'as much as' vs 'to the point of' — nearly the same, slightly different flavor | 정확해요. 만큼 은 '양·정도의 비교' 느낌이 강하고, 정도로 는 '그 지경까지' 라는 결과 느낌이 강해요. 뜻은 거의 같지만 살짝 달라요.                         |
| 죽을 만큼 사랑해요<br>jugeul mankeum salanghaeyo                     | I love you to the point of dying                                               | 두 개 다 과장, 즉 hyperbole 에 아주 잘 어울려요. 죽을 만큼 사랑해요, 말도 못 할 정도로 힘들어요 — very vivid, very native.              |
| 배가 아플 정도로 웃었어요<br>baega apeul jeongdolo useosseoyo           | laughed so hard the stomach hurt                                               | 배가 아플 정도로 웃었어요. They laughed so hard their stomach hurt. 여기서도 앞부분이 '얼마나'를 말해줘요.                        |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### -(으)ㄹ 만큼 / -(으)ㄹ 정도로

-(으)ㄹ 만큼 / -(으)ㄹ 정도로 — to the extent that / so much that

동사 어간에 -(으)ㄹ 을 붙여요. Attach -(으)ㄹ to a verb stem, then 만큼 or 정도로.

### 만큼 · 정도로

만큼 · 정도로 — 'as much as / to that extent' · 'to that degree'

만큼 은 '그만큼의 양이나 정도' 를 뜻해요. It means 'as much as' or 'to that extent.' 정도로 는 '그 정도까지' — 'to that degree.'

### 죽다 → 죽을 만큼

죽다 → 죽을 만큼 — to die → to the extent of dying

-(으)ㄹ 은 미래·가정 관형형. Here it frames a hypothetical degree, not future time.

### 죽을 만큼 피곤해요

죽을 + 만큼 + 피곤해요 — I'm tired to the point of dying

예문을 볼게요. 죽을 만큼 피곤해요. Let's break it into pieces so you see each job.

### 말도 못 할 정도로 예뻐요

말도 + 못 + 할 + 정도로 + 예뻐요 — so pretty you can't even speak of it

이번엔 정도로 예문이예요. 말도 못 할 정도로 예뻐요 — so pretty you can't even put it into words.

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase     | How to practice         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 만큼         | man-keum                |
| 주글 만큼      | jugeul mankeum          |
| 말도 못 할 정도로 | maldo mot hal jeongdolo |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say -(으)ㄹ 만큼 / -(으)ㄹ 정도로 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                                                                                                                                                         |
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| -던 / -았던 / -었던<br>Retrospective Modifiers<br>for Past Memory         | C1 Grammar: compare -던 / -았던 / -었던 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.           | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-GRAM-MOD-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-GRAM-MOD-001</a> |
| -(으)ㄴ / 는 / (으)ㄹ 것 같다<br>Expressing Guesses and Impressions          | B2 Grammar: compare -(으)ㄴ / 는 / (으)ㄹ 것 같다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.    | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-GRAM-MOD-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-GRAM-MOD-001</a> |
| 관형형<br>Turning Verbs into<br>Modifiers                               | B1 Grammar: compare 관형형 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.                      | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-MOD-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-MOD-001</a> |
| -(으)ㄴ / 는 탓에 / 덕분에 /<br>바람에<br>Assigning Blame, Credit,<br>and Cause | C1 Grammar: compare -(으)ㄴ / 는 탓에 / 덕분에 / 바람에 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-GRAM-CON-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-GRAM-CON-002</a> |

## My Notes

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