



Korean Ladder Study Note

음절의 끝소리 규칙

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Level	Topic	Focus
C1 · Advanced TOPIK 5	Pronunciation Batchim	음절의 끝소리 규칙 받침이 7개 대표음으로 모이는 원리

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-PRON-BAT-001>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZhL0N4qqoE>

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. I keep seeing 꽃 written with ㅈ at the bottom, but everyone says 꽃. Where did the ㅈ go?

Same with 부엌 — that's ㅈ sitting on the bottom, but people say 부엌. It feels like the spelling is lying to me.

좋은 질문이에요. 여기엔 규칙이 하나 있어요 — 음절의 끝소리 규칙. In English, the syllable-final rule: a 받침 at the end of a syllable can only land on one of seven sounds.

그 일곱 개는 이거예요: ㄱ, ㄴ, ㄷ, ㄹ, ㅁ, ㅂ, ㅇ. 기억, 니은, 디귤, 리을, 미음, 비읍, 이응. Seven landing spots — any other final consonant has to merge into one of these.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	이 꽃 주세요. —	This flower, please. (꽃 → [꽃])



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이 꽃이요? 좋아요. —	This flower? Sure. (꽃이 → [꼬치])
Junho	네, 앞에 있는 거요. —	Yes, the one in front. (앞에 → [아페])

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
음절의 끝소리 규칙 eumjeorui kkeutsori gyuchik	the syllable-final rule — every batchim collapses into 7 sounds	좋은 질문이에요. 여기엔 규칙이 하나 있어요 — 음절의 끝소리 규칙. In English, the syllable-final rule: a 받침 at the end of a syllable can only land on one of seven sounds.
ㄱ ㄴ ㄷ ㄹ ㅁ ㅂ ㅇ 7 대표음	the 7 representative sounds every batchim merges into	그 일곱 개는 이게예요: ㄱ, ㄴ, ㄷ, ㄹ, ㅁ, ㅂ, ㅇ. 기억, 니은, 디군, 리을, 미음, 비읍, 이응. Seven landing spots — any other final consonant has to merge into one of these.
꽃 kkot	받침이 7개 대표음으로 모이는 원리	먼저 꽃. 받침 ㅊ은 끝에서 대표음 ㄷ으로 모여요. So 꽃 is pronounced 끝 — the ㅊ quietly becomes a stopped ㄷ.
부엌 bueok	받침이 7개 대표음으로 모이는 원리	부엌. 받침 ㅋ은 대표음 ㄱ으로 가요. So 부엌 sounds like 부억 — the ㅋ softens down to a plain ㄱ.
앞 ap	받침이 7개 대표음으로 모이는 원리	그리고 앞. 받침 ㅍ은 대표음 ㅂ으로 모여요. 앞 is pronounced 압 — ㅍ closes into a plain ㅂ.
ㄱ·ㄱ·ㅋ → ㄱ / ㄷ·ㅌ·ㅊ·ㅍ → ㄷ / ㄹ·ㄹ·ㄾ → ㄹ / —	three closing groups: everything funnels into ㄱ, ㄷ, or ㄹ	여기서 큰 그림이 보여요. ㄱ 그룹, ㄷ 그룹, ㄹ 그룹 — three closing doors. ㄱ/ㄱ/ㅋ close to ㄱ; ㄷ/ㅌ/ㅊ/ㅍ close to ㄷ; ㄹ/ㄹ/ㄾ close to ㄹ.
받침 = 안 터지는 소리 batchim = unreleased sound	at syllable-end the consonant is stopped, not released	정확해요. 끝에서는 소리를 '터뜨리지' 않아요. At the end, the air isn't released, so ㅊ, ㅌ, ㅍ, ㅊ all flatten into the same stopped ㄷ. The differences only live at the start of a syllable.
ㄴ ㄹ ㅁ ㅇ —	these four are already representative — they stay themselves	Let me say it back: seven landing sounds — ㄱ, ㄴ, ㄷ, ㄹ, ㅁ, ㅂ, ㅇ. And ㄴ, ㄹ, ㅁ, ㅇ don't change at all, right?



Grammar / Structure Notes

음절의 끝소리 규칙

음절의 끝소리 규칙 — the syllable-final rule — every batchim collapses into 7 sounds
spelling can be many; sound is only 7

ㄱ ㄴ ㄷ ㄹ ㅁ ㅂ ㅇ

ㄱ ㄴ ㄷ ㄹ ㅁ ㅂ ㅇ — the 7 representative sounds every batchim merges into

대표음 = representative sound

ㄱ·ㅋ·ㆁ → ㄱ / ㄷ·ㅌ·ㅍ → ㄷ / ㅂ·ㅍ → ㅂ

ㄱ·ㅋ·ㆁ → ㄱ / ㄷ·ㅌ·ㅍ → ㄷ / ㅂ·ㅍ → ㅂ — three closing groups: everything funnels into ㄱ, ㄷ, or ㅂ

ㄴ ㄹ ㅁ ㅇ stay exactly themselves

받침 = 안 터지는 소리

받침 = 안 터지는 소리 — at syllable-end the consonant is stopped, not released

that's why 낮·낫·날 all sound [날]

ㄴ ㄹ ㅁ ㅇ

ㄴ ㄹ ㅁ ㅇ — these four are already representative — they stay themselves

no merging needed

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
[꼰]	kkot
[부억]	bueok
[압]	ap

Self-Check

- 1 Say 음절의 끝소리 규칙 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 / 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
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 Final Consonants Made Simple	A1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-001

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