EASY KIND KOREAN

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Twin letters: cheap, expensive, and free



After this episode you can

Read the five twin consonants and the words 싸요 · 비싸요 · 서비스 · 아빠 · 토끼

Last time, one more line meant a puff of air. Today, the same letter twice. The twins are the strong brothers: a tight throat and no air. With them, all nineteen Korean consonants fit in one table. Use your hand: open, blow, fist.

Name _____ Date _____

No pronunciation guide needed

See it, say it. Two of the same letter? The spelling tells you how.

Shape, then sound

The mouth shape comes from the consonant, the sound from the vowel.

1. Five twin consonants

Write the same letter twice, side by side. Don't say it twice — say it once, with a tight throat and no air. Make a fist.

ㄲ	consonant **kk**	a tight "k", no air — twin of ㄱ
ㄸ	consonant **tt**	a tight "t", no air — twin of ㄷ
ㅃ	consonant **pp**	a tight "p", no air — twin of ㅂ
ㅆ	consonant **ss**	a sharp, tight "s" — twin of ㅅ
ㅉ	consonant **jj**	a tight "j", no air — twin of ㅈ

2. Three brothers, one table

Read each row left to right with your hand: open, blow, fist. The ㅅ family has no airy brother.

calm · open hand	air · blow	strong · fist
ㄱ	ㅋ	ㄲ
ㄷ	ㅌ	ㄸ
ㅂ	ㅍ	ㅃ
ㅅ		ㅆ
ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅉ

Shortcut: twins, squeeze it

See two of the same letter? Don't say it twice. Say it once, with a tight throat and no air. If in doubt, make a fist — your voice follows your hand.

3. Stack the blocks

Consonant + vowel = one letter. Read each one with a fist.



4. Write it

Trace the gray letter, then write it yourself. Say it as you write.

까	따	빠	싸	짜	끼	씨	비	요

5. Today's words

Korean	meaning
아빠	dad
토끼	rabbit
아저씨	mister — what you call a man you don't know
짜요	it's salty
싸요	it's cheap
비싸요	it's expensive — 비 + 싸요
서비스	a free extra, on the house (from English "service")

6. Read before you check

What's the rule? Shape, then sound. Cover the answers. Find the twins, make a fist, then read each word out loud. Every letter here is one you know.

오빠	꼬리	가짜
뽀뽀	아까	머리띠

All nineteen consonants

Nineteen consonants and ten vowels. You've now met every Korean consonant.



Try it for real

> At a Korean market, say 비싸요 with a smile. You might get some 서비스. Can't hear the difference between the brothers yet? That's normal. Little kids learn them by hearing them, again and again. You will too.

Answers

오빠 "o-ppa" — older brother (what a girl calls him) · **꼬리** "kko-ri" — tail · **가짜** "ga-jja" — fake · **뽀뽀** "ppo-ppo" — a little kiss · **아까** "a-kka" — a moment ago · **머리띠** "meo-ri-tti" — headband

Next: the bottom letter — 물 · 밥 · 김밥