EASY KIND KOREAN

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받침의 이사

Moving day: when the bottom letter moves



After this episode you can

Read words where the bottom letter moves: 음악 · 한국어 · 맛있어요

Mateo reads 맛있어요 one block at a time: 맏. 읻. 어. 요. He read every single letter right. And Sumi thinks it's a password. Because in real Korean, letters move. Today is moving day.

Name _____ Date _____

Still no pronunciation guide

Find the seat, and you know the sound.

Shape, then sound

A consonant only shapes your mouth. It takes a vowel to let the sound out.

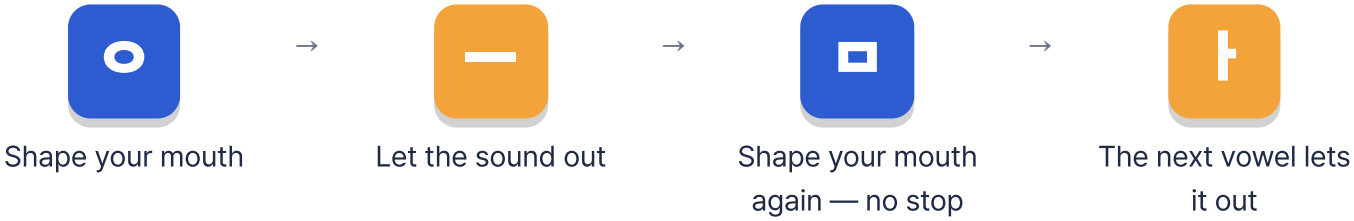
1. The bottom letter moves

At the start of a block, ㅇ is an empty seat. An empty seat right next door? The bottom letter packs its bags and moves in. The spelling doesn't change. Only the sound moves.

spelling		sound
음악	ㅁ	→ [으막]
한국어	ㄱ	→ [한구거]

2. Shape, sound, shape, sound. No stop.

At the bottom, a letter shapes your mouth. Then it's stuck. No vowel to open it. But the next block has a vowel with no consonant in front. So they pair up.



3. Moving day, or staying home?

So when does a letter move? Only when two things are true. A bottom letter, and an empty seat right after it.

음악	MOVE	A bottom letter, and an empty seat right after it.
아이	STAY	Empty seat, but no bottom letter? Nobody to move.
한국	STAY	Bottom letter, but nothing after it? Brake.
김밥	STAY	Next seat already taken? Brake.
강아지	STAY	The circle at the bottom never moves. On top, it has no sound. It can only ring from the bottom. So it stays home.

4. The hidden sound comes back

Remember? The s letter at the bottom hits the d brake: 맛 sounds like 맏. That brake was hiding the real sound. Give the letter an empty seat, and it comes back.

spelling		sound
있어요	ㅆ	→ [이써요]
맛있어요	ㅅ ㅆ	→ [마시써요]

5. Two letters at the bottom

Sometimes you'll see two letters at the bottom. When the next seat is empty, it's easy. The left one stays. The right one moves. A bottom h doesn't move. It just goes quiet.

spelling		sound
읽어요	ㄱ	→ [일거요]
좋아요	ㅎ	→ [조아요]

Today's shortcut. Empty seat? Move in.

You don't have to plan it. Read a little faster, and your mouth moves it for you.

6. Write it

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

음	악	한	국	어	맛	있	읽	좋	요

7. Today's words

Korean	meaning
음악	music
한국어	the Korean language
한국	Korea
강아지	puppy
맛	taste
있어요	there is · I have
맛있어요	it's delicious
읽어요	I read
좋아요	good · I like it

8. Read before you check

Find the seat, then read. Move or stay? Cover the answers and read each word out loud. Every letter here is one you know.

단어	먹어요	일요일
금요일	한글	고양이
직업	없어요	앉아요

Try it for real

> At a Korean restaurant, after your first bite, say 맛있어요 in one breath. Just don't answer every question with it, like Mateo did.

Answers

단어 [다너] "da-neo" — word · **먹어요** [머거요] "meo-geo-yo" — I eat · **일요일** [이료일] "i-ryo-il" — Sunday · **금요일** [그묘일] "geu-myo-il" — Friday · **한글** [한글] "han-geul" — stays: that seat's taken · **고양이** [고양이] "go-yang-i" — stays: the circle stays home · cat · **직업** [지겁] "ji-geop" — job · **없어요** [업써요] "eop-sseo-yo" — there isn't · it comes out a little strong, that's normal · **앉아요** [안자요] "an-ja-yo" — I sit

Next: four new vowels, and a cup with the wrong name.