UNIT 05

Double Consonants & Aspirated Sounds

Goal: hear and say plain, puff and tight sounds, meet the five twin letters, and read nine real words. You now know all 19 consonants.

Plain, puff, tight. Same spot in the mouth. Three different sounds.

가 plain · 카 puff (extra air) · 까 tight (no puff)

The English comparisons are only guides. Listen to the Korean audio in the video and repeat.

Exercise 1 · Meet the twins: trace and write

쌍 means “twin”. Say each block out loud. Trace the grey block, then write it in the boxes.

Twin	Name	+ ㅏ	Trace, then write			
ㄲ	쌍기역	까	까			
ㄸ	쌍디귿	따	따			
ㅃ	쌍비읍	빠	빠			
ㅉ	쌍지읒	짜	짜			
ㅆ	쌍시옷	싸	싸			

Don't say it louder. Start the sound tighter. The twin ㅆ hisses a little longer and tighter.

Exercise 2 · Which letter is added?

Write the missing letter. A **puff** partner has an extra stroke (more air). A **twin** is the same letter written twice (tight).

ㄱ → _____ (puff)

ㅈ → _____ (puff)

ㄷ → _____ (twin)

ㅂ → _____ (twin)

Exercise 3 · Complete the chart

Fill in the empty cells, then chant each row: plain, puff, tight. ㅅ has no puff partner, so mark that cell with —.

PLAIN	PUFF (aspirated)	TIGHT (tense)
가	카	까
다		
바		
자		
사		

Exercise 4 · Plain, puff or tight?

Look at the first letter of each block. Write **plain**, **puff** or **tight**.

까	타	바	짜
차	다	싸	파

Exercise 5 · One sound, two words

One small sound can change a word. Write the meaning of each block (**rain · blood · ruler · car or tea**).

비 _____ 피 _____

자 _____ 차 _____

Say each pair out loud: 비, 피 · 자, 차. Can you feel the extra air?

Exercise 6 · Puff, twin or both?

These are the nine words from the video. Write **P** if the word has a puff letter (ㅋ ㅌ ㅍ ㅊ), **T** if it has a twin letter (ㄲ ㄸ ㅃ ㅆ ㅉ), or **both**.

치마	포도	피아노	아빠	꼬리
뿌리	머리띠	아저씨	토끼	

Exercise 7 · Meaning match

Read each word out loud, then write the English meaning. Word bank: **skirt · grapes · piano · dad · tail · root · hairband · rabbit**.

치마 _____ 포도 _____

피아노 _____ 아빠 _____

꼬리 _____ 뿌리 _____

머리띠 _____ 토끼 _____

Exercise 8 · Put the blocks together

Say the blocks smoothly, then write the whole word.

치 + 마 = _____ 포 + 도 = _____

아 + 빠 = _____ 꼬 + 리 = _____

뿌 + 리 = _____ 토 + 끼 = _____

Exercise 9 · Decode four new words

These four words are not in the video. Use the 3 steps: split each word, then break each block into letters. Then read the word smoothly and write the meaning (**nose · green onion · magpie · older brother**).

Word	Letters in each block	Meaning
코		
파		
까치		
오빠		

Exercise 10 · Chant and read (no romanization!)

Read each row out loud, then tick the boxes. First the chant, then the words.

Chant 1	가 카 까	☐☐
Chant 2	다 타 따	☐☐
Chant 3	바 파 빠	☐☐
Chant 4	자 차 짜	☐☐
Chant 5	사 싸	☐☐
Words 1	치마 포도 피아노 토끼	☐☐
Words 2	아빠 꼬리 뿌리	☐☐
Words 3	머리띠 아저씨	☐☐
Words 4	코 파 까치 오빠	☐☐

Exercise 11 · Quick quiz

1. Which letters are the puff (aspirated) ones?

A ㅋ ㅌ ㅍ ㅊ **B** ㄲ ㄸ ㅃ ㅉ **C** ㄱ ㄷ ㅂ ㅈ

2. Which block has a twin letter?

A 자 **B** 짜 **C** 차

3. What does 쌍 mean?

A twin **B** puff **C** silent

4. Which word has a twin letter?

A 치마 **B** 포도 **C** 뿌리

5. How many consonants does Korean have?

A 14 **B** 19 **C** 10

Unit 05 Master Check

- ☐ I can name the three kinds of sounds: plain, puff (aspirated), tight (tense)
- ☐ I know the puff letters are ㅋ ㅌ ㅍ ㅊ
- ☐ I know the twin letters are ㄲ ㄸ ㅃ ㅆ ㅉ, and 쌍 means “twin”
- ☐ I can chant 가 카 까 · 다 타 따 · 바 파 빠 · 자 차 짜 · 사 싸
- ☐ I know one small sound can change a word (비 / 피, 자 / 차)
- ☐ I can read the nine video words without romanization
- ☐ I know Korean has 19 consonants (14 basic + 5 twins)
- ☐ I keep listening: hearing plain, puff and tight takes time

Keep going: Chant the chart once a day and listen to the video again tomorrow. Next up is Unit 06: final consonants (받침), the letter at the bottom of a block.

Answer Key

Check your work. Then read every answer out loud once more.

Exercise 2

ㄱ → ㅋ (puff) · ㅈ → ㅊ (puff) · ㄷ → ㄸ (twin) · ㅂ → ㅃ (twin)

Exercise 3

가 · 카 · 까

다 · 타 · 따

바 · 파 · 빠

자 · 차 · 짜

사 · — · 싸

Exercise 4

까 = tight · 타 = puff · 바 = plain · 짜 = tight · 차 = puff · 다 = plain · 싸 = tight · 파 = puff

Exercise 5

비 = rain · 피 = blood · 자 = ruler · 차 = car · tea

Exercise 6

치마 = P · 포도 = P · 피아노 = P · 아빠 = T · 꼬리 = T · 뿌리 = T · 머리띠 = T · 아저씨 = T · 토끼 = both

Exercise 7

치마 = skirt · 포도 = grapes · 피아노 = piano · 아빠 = dad · 꼬리 = tail · 뿌리 = root · 머리띠 = hairband · 토끼 = rabbit

Exercise 8

치+마 = 치마 · 포+도 = 포도 · 아+빠 = 아빠 · 꼬+리 = 꼬리 · 뿌+리 = 뿌리 · 토+끼 = 토끼

Exercise 9

코 = (ㅋ+ㅗ) · nose

파 = (ㅍ+ㅏ) · green onion

까치 = (ㄲ+ㅏ) + (ㅊ+ㅣ) · magpie

오빠 = (ㅇ+ㅗ) + (ㅃ+ㅏ) · older brother (woman speaking)

Exercise 11

1. A (ㅋ ㅌ ㅍ ㅊ) · 2. B (짜 has ㅉ) · 3. A (twin) · 4. C (뿌리, 뿌 has ㅃ) · 5. B (19: 14 basic + 5 twins)

Some answers depend on your own pronunciation. Compare your voice with the native-speaker audio in the video.