

## LEVEL 3 LESSON 26

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We have looked at two irregularities in Korean verbs so far - "ㅁ irregular" and "ㄹ irregular". In this lesson, we are going to look at one more irregular, which is the "ㄷ irregular".

### How "ㄷ" irregular works:

When the letter "ㄷ" comes at the end of a verb ending and it is followed by a vowel, "ㄷ" is changed to "ㄹ".

Some verbs follow this rule, and some other verbs do not follow this rule.

### Examples of ㄷ irregular verbs:

- 듣다 [deut-da] = to listen
- 걷다 [geot-da] = to walk
- 묻다 [mut-da] = to ask
- 싣다 [sit-da] = to load
- 깨닫다 [kkae-dat-da] = to realize

For these verbs, ㄷ changes to ㄹ when they are followed by a vowel.

- 듣 + 어서 --> 들어서 [deu-reo-seo]
- 걸 + 어요 --> 걸어요 [geo-reo-yo]
- 물 + 으면 --> 물으면 [mu-reu-myeon]
- 싣 + 을 예요 --> 싣을 거예요 [si-reul geo-ye-yo]
- 깨달 + 았어요 --> 깨달았어요 [kkae-da-ra-sseo-yo]

### Examples of verbs that do NOT follow this rule:

- 받다 [bat-da] = to receive
- 묻다 [mut-da] = to bury
- 닫다 [dat-da] = to close
- 믿다 [mit-da] = to believe

For these verbs, you keep the ㄷ even when it's followed by a vowel.

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- 받 + 아서 = 받아서 [ba-da-seo]
- 묻 + 어요 = 물어요 [mu-deo-yo]
- 달 + 으면 = 달으면 [da-deu-myeon]
- 믿 + 어요 = 믿어요 [mi-deo-yo]

### Usage examples of ㅁ irregular verbs

1.

듣다 [deut-da] = to listen

--> 듣고 있어요 [deut-go i-sseo-yo] = I am listening. (ㅁ doesn't change because -고 starts with a consonant.)

--> 들었어요 [deu-reo-sseo-yo] = I heard. (ㅁ changes to ㅓ because -었 starts with a vowel.)

2.

걷다 [geot-da] = to walk

--> 걷는 것 좋아해요 [geot-neun geot jo-a-hae-yo] = I like walking. (ㅁ doesn't change because -는 starts with a consonant.)

--> 한 시간 걸었어요 [han si-gan geo-reo-sseo-yo] = I walked for an hour. (ㅁ changes to ㅓ because -었 starts with a vowel.)

#### Sample Sentences

1. 어디에서 들었어요?

[eo-di-e-seo deu-reo-sseo-yo?]

= Where did you hear that?

2. 많이 걸었는데, 안 피곤해요.

[ma-ni geo-reot-neun-de, an pi-gon-hae-yo.]

= I walked a lot, but I am not tired.

3. 그 이야기를 믿어요?

[geu i-ya-gi-reul mi-deo-yo?]

= Do you believe that story?

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4. 물어도 대답이 없어요.

[mu-reo-do dae-da-bi eop-seo-yo.]

= Even if I ask, there is not answer.