

LEVEL 4 LESSON 13 - WORD BUILDER 4

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In this lesson, we look at the word **불** [bul]. It is written as 不 in Hanja, and it can sometimes be pronounced as 부 [bu], depending on the entire word. There is no set rule to when 不 is written as "**불**" and when it is written as "**부**" in Korean, so it always depends on the certain word.

부/불 (不) means "not" in English.

Examples

불 (not) + 안 (comfortable, relaxed) = **불안** 不安 = anxiety, anxious

불 (not) + 편 (comfortable, convenient) = **불편** 不便 = inconvenient, uncomfortable

불 (not) + 완전 (complete) = **불완전** 不完全 = incomplete

불 (not) + 균형 (balance) = **불균형** 不均衡 = imbalance

불 (not) + 만 (full) = **불만** 不滿 = complaint

부 (not) + 정확 (correct) = **부정확** 不正確 = incorrect

부 (not) + 주의 (attention) = **부주의** 不注意 = carelessness

부 (not) + 당 (correct, right) = **부당** 不當 = wrong, unfair, unjust

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부 (not) + 적절 (proper) = **부적절** 不適切 = inappropriate

When **부** is written as "副", it means "vice" as in "vice president".