

## 50 Common Intermediate Korean Adjectives

Korean	Literal Meaning	Nuanced Meaning	Example Sentence	Translation
애매하다	vague	ambiguous/unclear	그 답변은 너무 애매해요.	That answer is too vague.
간절하다	earnest	deeply heartfelt	간절히 바라고 있어요.	I'm sincerely hoping for it.
감칠맛있다	savory	umami/flavorful	이 국은 감칠맛이 나요.	This soup has deep flavor.
거북하다	uncomfortable	awkward (socially)	분위기가 거북해졌어요.	The atmosphere became awkward.
고립되다	isolated	cut off from others	마을이 고립되었어요.	The village became isolated.
곤란하다	difficult	in a tight spot	지금 돈이 좀 곤란해요.	I'm in a tight spot financially.
꼼꼼하다	meticulous	detail-oriented	그 친구는 꼼꼼해요.	That friend is very thorough.
난감하다	embarrassed	at a loss	그 질문에 난감했어요.	I was stumped by that question.
낭만적이다	romantic	romantically charming	이 거리는 낭만적이에요.	This street is romantic.
넉넉하다	ample	comfortably sufficient	시간이 넉넉해요.	We have plenty of time.
답답하다	stuffy	frustrated (emotionally)	상황이 답답해요.	This situation is frustrating.
독특하다	unique	distinctively different	그 작품은 독특해요.	That artwork is unique.
무관심하다	indifferent	showing no interest	정치에 무관심해요.	I'm indifferent to politics.
무덤덤하다	expressionless	emotionally flat	그 사람은 무덤덤해요.	That person is very stoic.
무모하다	reckless	without careful thought	그 결정은 무모했어요.	That decision was reckless.

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민감하다	sensitive	easily affected	그 주제에 민감해요.	I'm sensitive about that topic.
반갑다	welcoming	pleasantly familiar	얼굴이 반갑네요!	Your face is a welcome sight!
번거롭다	bothersome	inconveniently complex	절차가 번거로워요.	The procedure is cumbersome.
부담스럽다	burdensome	feeling pressured	부탁이 부담스러워요.	This favor feels burdensome.
비범하다	extraordinary	exceptionally good	그 실력은 비범해요.	That skill is extraordinary.
상콤하다	refreshing	crisp and fresh	아침 공기가 상콤해요.	The morning air is refreshing.
서툴다	unskilled	awkward at something	한국어가 아직 서툴러요.	My Korean is still clumsy.
수줍다	shy	bashful/reserved	그 아이는 수줍어요.	That child is shy.
슬쩍하다	sneaky	done furtively	슬쩍 들여다봤어요.	I peeked sneakily.
시원섭섭하다	bittersweet	mixed happy-sad feeling	졸업이 시원섭섭해요.	Graduation feels bittersweet.
신속하다	speedy	rapid in execution	대응이 신속했어요.	The response was swift.
실속있다	practical	substantial/content-rich	이 강의는 실속있어요.	This lecture is substantial.
아쉽다	regrettable	feeling something's lacking	시간이 아쉬워요.	I wish we had more time.
애뜻하다	affectionate	tenderly attached	추억이 애뜻해요.	The memories feel precious.
엄숙하다	solemn	serious in manner	분위기가 엄숙해요.	The atmosphere is solemn.
열악하다	poor (conditions)	unfavorable circumstances	환경이 열악해요.	The conditions are poor.
우아하다	elegant	graceful/refined	그녀는 우아해요.	She is elegant.

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유연하다	flexible	adaptable	사고방식이 유연해요.	Your thinking is flexible.
익숙하다	familiar	accustomed to	이 곳에 익숙해졌어요.	I've grown familiar here.
자유롭다	free	unrestricted	표현이 자유로워요.	Expression is free here.
절실하다	desperate	urgently needed	도움이 절실해요.	Help is desperately needed.
정갈하다	neat	tidy and clean	방이 정갈해요.	The room is neat.
조심성있다	cautious	careful in actions	그 사람은 조심성있어요.	That person is cautious.
진지하다	serious	earnest in attitude	표정이 진지해요.	Your expression is serious.
창의적이다	creative	showing originality	아이디어가 창의적이에요.	The idea is creative.
철저하다	thorough	meticulous in execution	준비가 철저해요.	The preparation is thorough.
초조하다	anxious	nervously tense	결과가 초조해요.	I'm anxious about results.
탄탄하다	solid	well-structured	기초가 탄탄해요.	The foundation is solid.
피곤하다	tired	mentally exhausted	일이 많아 피곤해요.	I'm tired from much work.
한결같다	consistent	unchanging in attitude	태도가 한결같아요.	Your attitude is consistent.