

A/V~(으)ㄴ/는 편이다

For talking about tendencies

저는 돈을 모으는 편이에요.

I tend to save my money.

This is a grammar form used to talk about the way things tend to be. It's often used to soften expressions when talking about one's own characteristics. We do this in English as well: for example, instead of saying; "I am smart," it's more humble to say; "I **tend** to be smart," "I'm **kind of** smart," or "I'm **pretty** smart." You use the ~(으)ㄴ/는 편이다 grammar form to do this in Korean.

Note: "편" is a noun meaning "side" in Korean, so this grammar form literally means "to be on the side" of something. i.e. "I'm on the smart side" or "I'm on the tall side."

Grammar Form	Present Tense	Past Tense	Future Tense
Descriptive Verbs	~(으)ㄴ 편이에요	~(으)ㄴ 편이었어요	N/A*
Action Verbs	~는 편이에요	~는 편이었어요	N/A*

DESCRIPTIVE VERBS

This grammar form can be attached to descriptive verbs using the form: ~(으)ㄴ 편이다.

If the descriptive verb ends on a consonant sound, attach ~은 편이다.

맑다	→	맑은 편이다	(to tend to be sunny)
머리가 좋다	→	머리가 좋은 편이다	(to tend to be smart)

If the descriptive verb ends on a vowel sound, or ㄹ, attach ~ㄴ 편이다.

키가 크다	→	키가 큰 편이다	(to tend to be tall)
㉠ 힘들다	→	힘든 편이다	(to tend to be difficult)
㉡ 덥다	→	더운 편이다	(to tend to be hot)

If the descriptive verb ends in ㅂ or ㅍ attach ~는 편이다.

재미있다	→	재미있는 편이다	(to tend to be fun/interesting)
맛없다	→	맛없는 편이다	(to tend to taste gross/disgusting)

> 저는 머리가 좋은 편이에요. I'm kind of smart.

*~(으)ㄴ/는 편이다 is only used to talk about the past or present, not the future.