



Korean Ladder Study Note

화장실이 어디예요

Asking Where the Bathroom Is

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Directions & Transit	화장실이 어디예요 Asking Where the Bathroom Is

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-DIR-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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Core Idea

Here is my travel panic question: I know the word 화장실, but what do I say when I need to ask where it is, quickly and politely?

가장 쉬운 문장은 화장실이 어디예요. In English, it means, where is the bathroom.

Pattern first. Say the place, add 이 or 가, then 어디예요. That makes a polite where-is question.

So I do not need a long sentence. I can just say 화장실이 어디예요?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	화장실이 어디예요? —	Where is the bathroom?
Junho	저쪽이에요. —	It is over that way.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	엘리베이터가 어디예요? —	Where is the elevator?
Junho	저기예요. —	It is over there.
Hana	화장실이 어디예요? —	Where is the bathroom?
Junho	이 층에 없어요. —	It is not on this floor.
Hana	엘리베이터가 어디예요? —	Where is the elevator?
Junho	저쪽이에요. —	It is over that way.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
여기 · 저기 · 저쪽 yeogi · jeogi · jeojjok	here · there · over that way	저쪽, 저기, 여기 are small words, but they are powerful when someone points or gestures.
저기 / 저쪽 jeogi / jeojjok	over there / over that way	좋은 질문이에요. 저기 often points to a visible spot. 저쪽 often points in a direction.
위층이에요 / 아래층이에요 wicheung-ieyo / araecheung-ieyo	It is upstairs / It is downstairs	Exactly. You may then hear 위층이에요, upstairs, or 아래층이에요, downstairs.



Grammar / Structure Notes

화장실이 어디예요?

화장실이 어디예요? — Where is the bathroom?

Place + 이/가 어디예요?

장소 + 이/가 어디예요?

장소 + 이/가 어디예요? — Where is the place?

Use it for essential places

화장실이 어디예요?

화장실 + 이 + 어디예요? — Where is the bathroom?

화장실이 어디예요. 화장실 ends in a consonant sound, so we attach 이.

출구가 어디예요?

출구 + 가 + 어디예요? — Where is the exit?

출구가 어디예요. 출구 ends in a vowel sound, so we attach 가.

엘리베이터가 어디예요?

엘리베이터 + 가 + 어디예요? — Where is the elevator?

엘리베이터가 어디예요. This asks, where is the elevator.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
화장실이 어디예요?	hwajangsil-i eodi-yeyo?
출구가 어디예요?	chulgu-ga eodi-yeyo?
엘리베이터가 어디예요?	ellibeiteo-ga eodi-yeyo?

Self-Check

- 1 Say 화장실이 어디예요 three times: slow, natural, then inside a short sentence.
- 2 Write one original sentence that was not in the video.
- 3 Rewatch the YouTube lesson and pause when the same pattern appears.

Related / Subsequent Studies



Lesson	Why study it next	Link
여기서 어떻게 가요 Asking How to Get Somewhere	A1 Conversation: compare 여기서 어떻게 가요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-DIR-001
길을 잃었어요 / 이 근처에 Getting Help When You're Lost	B1 Conversation: compare 길을 잃었어요 / 이 근처에 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CONV-DIR-001
몇 호선이에요 Subways, Buses, and Transfers	B2 Conversation: compare 몇 호선이에요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-DIR-001
버스 카드 충전 / 몇 정거장이에요 Riding the City Bus	A2 Conversation: compare 버스 카드 충전 / 몇 정거장이에요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-DIR-002

My Notes

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