



Korean Ladder Study Note

은행이 어디 있어요

Asking Where a Place Is

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Directions & Transit	은행이 어디 있어요 Asking Where a Place Is

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-DIR-004>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDGOTOQdMFg>

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk — I need a bank, and my brain wants to say the long how-do-I-get-there sentence. But what if I just need to know where it is?

오늘은 위치를 묻는 말이에요. Today we ask where a place is — not how to walk there.

The key question is 은행이 어디 있어요. Bank, then the particle, then where is it.

이 패턴으로 위치를 물어요. In English, we use this pattern when we ask where something is.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이 근처에 은행 있어요? —	Is there a bank near here?
Junho	네, 있어요. 건너편이에요. —	Yes, there is. It is across the way.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	약국이 어디 있어요? —	Where is the pharmacy?
Junho	저기예요. 바로 앞이에요. —	It is over there. It is right in front.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
저기 / 바로 앞 / 건너편 jeogi / baro ap / geonneopyeon	over there / right in front / across the way	So if I hear 저기예요, I look over there. 바로 앞이에요 — right in front. 건너편이에요 — across the street. Short and useful.
은행이 어디 있어요 / 이 근처에 은행 있어요 eunhaeng-i eodi isseoyo / i geuncheo-e eunhaeng isseoyo	Keep 이/가 with 어디 있어요; nearby pattern often drops it	'어디 있어요?'에서는 장소 뒤에 이/가를 빼지 마세요. 은행이 어디 있어요. But 이 근처에 은행 있어요 can omit 이/가.
이/가 with 어디 있어요 i/ga with eodi isseoyo	Keep the particle on the where-is pattern	So for 어디 있어요, I keep the particle — 은행이, 약국이. For 이 근처에, 은행 있어요 is okay without 이 or 가.



Grammar / Structure Notes

어디 있어요?

어디 있어요? — Where is it? / Where does it exist?

Location, not the route

은행이 어디 있어요?

은행이 어디 있어요? — Where is the bank?

Place + 이/가 + 어디 있어요?

장소 + 이/가 어디 있어요?

장소 + 이/가 어디 있어요? — Where is that place?

A tool for asking location

은행이 어디 있어요?

은행 + 이 + 어디 + 있어요? — Where is the bank?

은행이 어디 있어요. 은행 is bank. 이 marks the subject. 어디 있어요 asks where it is.

어디 있어요? = 어디에 있어요?

어디 있어요? = 어디에 있어요? — Both ask where that place is

어디 asks where; the place noun is the thing you named

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
은행이 어디 있어요?	eunhaeng-i eodi isseoyo?
이 근처에 은행 있어요?	i geuncheo-e eunhaeng isseoyo?
건너편이에요.	geonneopyeon-ieyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 은행이 어디 있어요 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
몇 번 출구로 나가요 Finding the Right Subway Exit	A1 Conversation: compare 몇 번 출구로 나가요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-DIR-003
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
화장실이 어디예요 Asking Where the Bathroom Is	A1 Conversation: compare 화장실이 어디예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-DIR-002
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

My Notes

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