



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 전화번호가 몇 번이에요

## Exchanging Phone Numbers

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Phone & Online	전화번호가 몇 번이에요 Exchanging Phone Numbers

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-PHN-001>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3yTyleJJY8>

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## Core Idea

Okay, real question. When a barista asks for my number, my brain says 'one, two, three' in English and just stops. What do I even say?

And what about the dashes? Like 010-1234-5678 — do I just pause, or is there a word for that little line?

좋은 질문이에요. Both of those have simple answers. Let's build them one piece at a time.

핵심 문장은 이거예요. 전화번호가 몇 번이에요? In English, it's 'What number is your phone number?' — the everyday way to ask.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	전화번호가 몇 번이에요? —	What's your phone number?
Hana	공일공에 일이삼사에 오육칠팔이에요. —	It's 010-1234-5678.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	아, 감사합니다. —	Ah, thank you.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
일이삼사오 il i sam sa o	1 2 3 4 5 (Sino-Korean)	먼저 숫자예요. For phone numbers we use Sino-Korean numbers — 일, 이, 삼 — not 하나, 둘, 셋. This is the key rule today.
일이삼사오육칠팔구 il i sam sa o yuk chil pal gu	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	숫자를 들어 보세요. 일, 이, 삼, 사, 오, 육, 칠, 팔, 구. That's one through nine — say them with me.
사 · 오 · 육 sa · o · yuk	Exchanging Phone Numbers	천천히 다시. 사 and 오 sound close, so open your mouth wider on 오. 사... 오. 육 has a soft 'y' — 육.
공 gong	zero (in phone numbers)	이제 영(0). 전화번호에서는 보통 공이라고 말해요. For zero, in phone numbers we usually say 공, not 영.
공일공 gong-il-gong	0-1-0	Oh, so the '010' at the start isn't 'oh-one-oh' — it's 공일공. That already feels smoother.
1 2 → 일이 il-i	read digit by digit	맞아요. 하나씩 읽어요. We read each digit on its own — not 'twelve,' just 일, 이. So 12 is 일이, not 십이 here.
불임표(-) → 에 e	the dash '-' is read as 에	번호 사이의 불임표는 에라고 읽어요. The little dash '-' between the groups is a 불임표, a 하이픈, and out loud we read it as 에 — a short spoken pause.
공일공에일이삼사 gong-il-gong-e il-i-sam-sa	010 - 1234	그래서 앞부분은 이렇게요. 공일공 에일이삼사. Notice the 에 is just the dash — say it lightly.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 전화번호가 몇 번이에요?

전화번호가 몇 번이에요? — What's your phone number?

몇 번 = 'what number'; 이에요 = polite 'is it'

### 일이삼사오

일이삼사오 — 1 2 3 4 5 (Sino-Korean)

Sino-Korean = the number set used for phone numbers

### 일이삼사오육칠팔구

일이삼사오육칠팔구 — 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

숫자를 들어 보세요. 일, 이, 삼, 사, 오, 육, 칠, 팔, 구. That's one through nine — say them with me.

### 공

공 — zero (in phone numbers)

math/counting zero can be 영, but phone numbers → 공

### 공일공

공일공 — 0-1-0

the standard mobile prefix

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
사, 오, 육	sa · o · yuk
공일공에 일이삼사에 오육칠팔이에요	gong-il-gong-e il-i-sam-sa-e o-yuk-chil-pal-ieyo
오육칠팔	o-yuk-chil-pal
전화번호가 몇 번이에요?	jeonhwabeonhoga myeot beonieyo?
몇 번이에요?	myeot beonieyo?
다시 한 번만요	dasi han beonman-yo

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 전화번호가 몇 번이에요 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
고객센터 문의 상담원 연결과 본인 확인	B2 Conversation: compare 고객센터 문의 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-PHN-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-PHN-002</a>
문제가 생긴 것 같습니다 Explaining a Problem and Next Steps	B2 Conversation: compare 문제가 생긴 것 같습니다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-PHN-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CONV-PHN-001</a>
여보세요 Making and Taking a Basic Phone Call	A2 Conversation: compare 여보세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-PHN-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CONV-PHN-001</a>
지금 안 계세요 / 메시지 남겨 드릴까요 부재중 전화 처리	B1 Conversation: compare 지금 안 계세요 / 메시지 남겨 드릴까요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CONV-PHN-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CONV-PHN-001</a>

## My Notes

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