



Korean Ladder Study Note

주말에 뭐 했어요

Past-Weekend Small Talk for Beginners

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Conversation Small Talk	주말에 뭐 했어요 Past-Weekend Small Talk for Beginners

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-007>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElJ2ItFpG5w>

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Core Idea

It is Monday, and I want to ask about the weekend that just ended. Can I say 주말에 뭐 해요?

좋은 질문이에요. 주말에 뭐 해요? is about a usual weekend or a present situation. When the weekend is finished, use the past form.

오늘의 핵심 질문은 주말에 뭐 했어요?예요. In English, it means, "What did you do over the weekend?" It opens a friendly small talk chat.

The particle 에 marks time here. In English, it works like "on" in "on the weekend." 주말에 gives the time of the action.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	주말에 뭐 했어요? —	What did you do over the weekend?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	친구를 만났어요. 하나 선생님은요? —	I met a friend. How about you, Teacher Hana?
Hana	저는 집에서 쉬었어요. —	I rested at home.
Junho	아, 좋았겠어요. —	Ah, that must have been nice.
Junho	주말에 뭐 했어요? —	What did you do over the weekend?
Hana	카페에 갔어요. 준호 선생님은요? —	I went to a cafe. How about you, Teacher Junho?
Junho	저는 영화를 봤어요. —	I watched a movie.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
주말에뭐했어요 jumal-e mwo haesseoyo	What did you do over the weekend?	문장을 나눠 볼게요. 주말에 means “on the weekend,” 뭐 means “what,” and 했어요 means “did.”
주말에 jumal-e	on the weekend	The particle 에 marks time here. In English, it works like “on” in “on the weekend.” 주말에 gives the time of the action.
친구를만났어요 chingureul mannas-eoyo	I met a friend.	친구를 is “a friend” as the object, and 만났어요 means “met.” Korean can leave out “I” when the speaker is clear.
집에서쉬었어요 jibeseo swieosseoyo	I rested at home.	Or you may have had a quiet weekend. 집에서 쉬었어요 means, “I rested at home.”
했어요 haesseoyo	did	맞아요. 했어요 is the polite past form of 하다, “to do.” That past ending tells us the weekend is over.
네재미있었어요 ne jaemiisseosseoyo	Yes, it was fun.	A simple reply is 네, 재미있었어요. In English, “Yes, it was fun.”
해요 → 했어요 haeyo → haesseoyo	do → did	끝난 주말에는 했어요를 써요. 해요 is present, and 했어요 is past. That one change makes your question natural.
카페에갔어요 kape-e gasseoyo	I went to a cafe.	One more short answer is 카페에 갔어요. In English, “I went to a cafe.”



Grammar / Structure Notes

주말에 뭐 했어요?

주말에 뭐 했어요? — What did you do over the weekend?

A polite everyday question about a finished weekend.

주말에 뭐 했어요

주말 + 에 + 뭐 + 했어요 — What did you do over the weekend?

문장을 나눠 볼게요. 주말에 means “on the weekend,” 뭐 means “what,” and 했어요 means “did.”

주말에

주말에 — on the weekend

에 can mark the time when something happens.

친구를 만났어요.

친구를 만났어요. — I met a friend.

A short, natural past-weekend answer.

친구를 만났어요

친구 + 를 + 만났어요 — I met a friend.

친구를 is “a friend” as the object, and 만났어요 means “met.” Korean can leave out “I” when the speaker is clear.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
주말에 뭐 했어요?	jumal-e mwo haesseoyo?
만났어요	mannas-eoyo
친구를 만났어요.	chingureul mannas-eoyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 주말에 뭐 했어요 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
날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 Easy Small Talk to Start and End a Chat	A1 Conversation: compare 날씨 좋네요 / 주말 잘 보내세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-001
몇 시에 일어나요 Small Talk About Sleep and Daily Routines	A1 Conversation: compare 몇 시에 일어나요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-006
사진 한 장만 찍어 주시겠어요 Asking a Stranger to Take Your Photo	A1 Conversation: compare 사진 한 장만 찍어 주시겠어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-003
예쁘네요 / 맛있어요 / 맛있겠다 칭찬으로 대화 열기	A1 Conversation: compare 예쁘네요 / 맛있어요 / 맛있겠다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CONV-SML-002

My Notes

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