



Korean Ladder Study Note

에스컬레이터는 한쪽으로

Standing Aside So Others Can Walk Past

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Etiquette	에스컬레이터는 한쪽으로 Standing Aside So Others Can Walk Past

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-010>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-C9vHdSxHM>

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Core Idea

Here is my real fear. I step onto an escalator in Korea, stand in the middle, and suddenly I'm blocking everyone. Which side am I supposed to stand on?

좋은 질문이에요. 한국 지하철에서는 보통 오른쪽에 서고, 왼쪽은 지나가는 사람에게 비워 두는 흐름이 많아요.

But safety matters too. Officially, walking on escalators is not encouraged. So today we learn the real social flow, polite phrases, and a safety mind-set.

오늘의 핵심 표현은 에스컬레이터에서는 오른쪽에 서요. In English, on the escalator, stand on the right.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	잠시만요. 지나갈게요. —	Excuse me for a moment. I'll pass by.
Junho	네, 먼저 가세요. —	Yes, please go ahead.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	감사합니다. —	Thank you.
Junho	천천히 가세요. —	Go slowly / Take care.
Hana	잠시만요. 지나갈게요. —	Excuse me for a moment. I'll pass by.
Junho	네, 먼저 가세요. —	Yes, please go ahead.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
장소 + 에서는 jangso + eseneun	In or on a place, as for that setting	The pattern is place plus 에서는, then the action. 에서는 means in or on that place, as for that setting.
오른쪽 / 왼쪽 oreunjjok / oenjjok	right side / left side	오른쪽 is right side. 왼쪽 is left side. 쪽 means side or direction.
오른쪽 oreunjjok	Standing Aside So Others Can Walk Past	좋아요. One pronunciation note: 오른쪽 has a tight double sound in 쪽. Do not stretch it too much. 오른쪽.



Grammar / Structure Notes

에스컬레이터에서는 오른쪽에 서요.

에스컬레이터에서는 오른쪽에 서요. — On the escalator, stand on the right.

Often heard as a practical subway habit.

장소 + 에서는

장소 + 에서는 — In or on a place, as for that setting

에스컬레이터에서는 = on the escalator

에스컬레이터에서는 오른쪽에 서요.

에스컬레이터 + 에서는 + 오른쪽 + 에 + 서요. — On the escalator, stand on the right.

에스컬레이터에서는, 오른쪽에, 서요. We set the place, choose the side, then say stand.

오른쪽에 서요.

오른쪽에 서요. — Stand on the right. / People stand on the right.

Polite 요 style

왼쪽으로 지나가요.

왼쪽 + 으로 + 지나가요. — Pass on the left.

맞아요. And if you need to pass, the common idea is 왼쪽으로 지나가요. Go past on the left.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
잠시만요.	jamsimanyo.
지나갈게요.	jinagalgeyo.
잠시만요. 지나갈게요.	jamsimanyo. jinagalgeyo.
죄송합니다.	joesonghamnida.
먼저 가세요.	meonjeo gaseyo.
에스컬레이터에서는 오른쪽에 서요.	eseukeolreiteo-eseoneun oreunjjoge seoyo.
오른쪽에 서요.	oreunjjoge seoyo.
오른쪽	oreunjjok

Self-Check

1 Say 에스컬레이터는 한쪽으로 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
고개 숙여 인사 How Koreans Bow and Greet Elders	A1 Culture: compare 고개 숙여 인사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-003
공공장소에서 목소리 낮추기 Keeping Your Voice Down in Shared Spaces	A1 Culture: compare 공공장소에서 목소리 낮추기 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-006
공공장소에서 이어폰 Keeping Phone Sound Private in Korea	A1 Culture: compare 공공장소에서 이어폰 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-005
내릴게요 / 타는 사람은 잠깐만요 Getting On and Off Buses and Subways Politely	A1 Culture: compare 내릴게요 / 타는 사람은 잠깐만요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-ETQ-004

My Notes

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