



Korean Ladder Study Note

추석 / 한가위

송편과 보름달, 온 가족이 모이는 명절

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Holidays	추석 / 한가위 송편과 보름달, 온 가족이 모이는 명절

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nF4EVfjYkaA>

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Core Idea

I keep hearing 추석 is like Korean Thanksgiving. Is that right, or is that too simple?

It is not exactly the same as Thanksgiving, but for a beginner, harvest, family, and thanks are the right ideas.

오늘의 핵심은 세 가지예요. 추석, 송편, 그리고 보름달.

So first, 추석 is the holiday name, and 한가위 is another name I might hear?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	추석 잘 보내세요. —	Have a good Chuseok.
Junho	네, 추석에는 가족이 모여요. —	Yes, on Chuseok, family gathers.
Hana	송편을 먹고 보름달을 봐요. —	We eat songpyeon and look at the full moon.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	좋아요. 추석 잘 보내세요. —	Good. Have a good Chuseok.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
추석은 큰 명절이에요 Chuseogeun keun myeongjeorieyo	Chuseok is a big holiday.	좋은 질문이에요. 추석은 가을에 가족이 모이고, 감사하는 큰 명절이에요.
추석 · 송편 · 보름달 Chuseok · songpyeon · boreumdal	Chuseok · songpyeon rice cakes · full moon	오늘의 핵심은 세 가지예요. 추석, 송편, 그리고 보름달.
추석 = 한가위 Chuseok = Hangawi	Chuseok = Hangawi	So first, 추석 is the holiday name, and 한가위 is another name I might hear?
한가위도 추석이에요 Hangawido Chuseogieyo	Hangawi is also Chuseok.	맞아요. 한가위 is another Korean name for 추석. You may hear both.
추석은 명절이에요 Chuseogeun myeongjeorieyo	Chuseok is a holiday.	가장 쉬운 문장부터 볼게요. 추석은 명절이에요. In English, 추석 is a holiday.
명절이에요 myeongjeorieyo	It is a traditional holiday.	좋아요. 명절이에요 means it is a holiday. 명절 is a traditional holiday.
추석에는 송편을 먹어요 Chuseogeneun songpyeoneul meogeoyo	On Chuseok, people eat songpyeon.	이제 음식이에요. 추석에는 송편을 먹어요. On 추석, people eat 송편.
송편은 작은 떡이에요 songpyeoneun jageun tteogieyo	Songpyeon is a small rice cake.	네. 송편은 작은 떡이에요. Songpyeon is a small rice cake, often shaped like a half moon.



Grammar / Structure Notes

추석은 큰 명절이에요

추석 + 은 + 큰 + 명절 + 이에요 — Chuseok is a big holiday.

좋은 질문이에요. 추석은 가을에 가족이 모이고, 감사하는 큰 명절이에요.

추석 · 송편 · 보름달

추석 · 송편 · 보름달 — Chuseok · songpyeon rice cakes · full moon

Three beginner words for the holiday.

추석 = 한가위

추석 = 한가위 — Chuseok = Hangawi

한가위 is also useful to recognize.

한가위도 추석이에요

한가위 + 도 + 추석 + 이에요 — Hangawi is also Chuseok.

맞아요. 한가위 is another Korean name for 추석. You may hear both.

추석은 명절이에요

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가장 쉬운 문장부터 볼게요. 추석은 명절이에요. In English, 추석 is a holiday.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
추석은 명절이에요	Chuseogeun myeongjeorieyo
추석 잘 보내세요	Chuseok jal bonaeseyo
보름달	boreumdal
추석에는 송편을 먹어요	Chuseogeneun songpyeoneul meogeoyo
송편	songpyeon
보름달을 봐요	boreumdareul bwayo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 추석 / 한가위 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
새해 복 많이 받으세요 The Korean New Year Greeting Everyone Uses	A1 Culture: compare 새해 복 많이 받으세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-HOL-001
입학식 / 졸업식 / 꽃다발 Korea's School Entrance and Graduation Days	A1 Culture: compare 입학식 / 졸업식 / 꽃다발 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-HOL-003
광복절 / 개천절 / 한글날 Korea's Modern National Holidays	C1 Culture: compare 광복절 / 개천절 / 한글날 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CULTURE-HOL-002
단오 / 한식 Korea's Quieter Traditional Holidays	A2 Culture: compare 단오 / 한식 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-HOL-004

My Notes

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