



Korean Ladder Study Note

태극기 다는 날

Korean Flag Days and Basic Holiday Customs

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Culture Holidays	태극기 다는 날 Korean Flag Days and Basic Holiday Customs

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-HOL-005>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-bHL2IIARo>

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Core Idea

I saw 태극기 outside many homes in Korea. Does every public holiday mean 태극기를 달아요?

꼭 그렇지는 않아요. Not every public holiday is a national celebration day, and the meaning of the day matters.

또 태극기의 위치도 확인해야 해요. You also need to check the flag position, especially on 현충일.

So the useful questions are: what day is it, and is the flag displayed normally or at half-mast?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘은 무슨 날이에요? —	What day is it today?
Junho	오늘은 광복절이에요. —	Today is Liberation Day.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	태극기를 달아요? —	Do we put up the Korean flag?
Junho	네, 태극기를 달아요. —	Yes, we put up the Korean flag.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
3월 1일 · 삼일절 samwol iril · Samiljeol	March 1 · March First Independence Movement Day	삼일절은 중요한 국경일이예요. It remembers the independence movement that began on March first, 1919.
7월 17일 · 제헌절 chirwol sipchiril · Jeheonjeol	July 17 · Constitution Day	제헌절은 7월 17일이예요. Constitution Day commemorates the proclamation of the Constitution of the Republic of Korea.
10월 3일 · 개천절 siwol samil · Gaecheonjeol	October 3 · National Foundation Day	개천절은 10월 3일이예요. National Foundation Day commemorates the traditional founding of Korea's first kingdom.
10월 9일 · 한글날 siwol guil · Hangeullal	October 9 · Hangeul Day	한글날은 10월 9일이예요. Hangeul Day commemorates the creation and proclamation of the Korean writing system.
국경일: 보통 위치 현충일: 조기 —	National celebration day: normal position Memorial Day: half-mast	국경일에는 보통 위치로 달고, 현충일에는 조기로 달아요. National celebration days normally use the regular position, while Memorial Day uses half-mast.
태극기 taegeukgi	Korean Flag Days and Basic Holiday Customs	Repeat-after-me time. 태극기.
공휴일 ≠ 국경일 —	Public holiday ≠ national celebration day	아니요. 공휴일과 국경일은 같은 말이 아니예요. A public holiday is an official day off, while a 국경일 commemorates an important national event.
제헌절: 국경일, 공휴일 아님 —	Constitution Day: a national celebration day, not a public holiday	제헌절을 기억하세요. 제헌절은 국경일이지만 현재 공휴일은 아니예요. Remember Constitution Day: it is a national celebration day, but it is not currently a public day off.



Grammar / Structure Notes

국경일에는 태극기를 달아요.

국경일에는 태극기를 달아요. — On national celebration days, we display the Korean flag.

Use a day or holiday before **에는**.

___에는 태극기를 달아요.

___에는 태극기를 달아요. — On ___, we display the Korean flag.

Add a holiday name before **에는**.

국경일에는 태극기를 달아요.

국경일 + **에는** + 태극기 + **를** + 달아요. — On national celebration days, we display the Korean flag.

여기서 쓰인 **에는**은 그날을 화제로 보여 줘요. In simple English, it means “on that day” or “as for that day.”

태극기를 달아요.

태극기를 달아요. — We put up the Korean flag.

달아요 is common in daily speech. 게양해요 is more formal.

삼일절에는 태극기를 달아요.

삼일절 + **에는** + 태극기 + **를** + 달아요. — On March First Independence Movement Day, we display the Korean flag.

삼일절은 3월 1일이예요. It commemorates the March First Independence Movement, and the flag is displayed in the normal position.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
태극끼	taegeukgi
태극기를 달아요	Taegeukgireul darayo.
현충일에는 태극기를 조기로 달아요	Hyeonchungireneun taegeukgireul jogiro darayo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 태극기 다는 날 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
추석 / 한가위 송편과 보름달, 온 가족이 모이는 명절	A1 Culture: compare 추석 / 한가위 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-HOL-002
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

My Notes

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