



Korean Ladder Study Note

들어가요 / 나가요 / 올라가요

Everyday Movement Verbs for Places and Directions

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Verb Conjugation	들어가요 / 나가요 / 올라가요 Everyday Movement Verbs for Places and Directions

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CNJ-012>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-Kg7F9e4c8>

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Core Idea

If 가요 means go, can I just use 가요 for everything? How do I say I'm going inside, not outside?

가요는 그냥 간다는 뜻이에요. 가요 means go. Today, we'll choose verbs that tell us the direction, too.

오늘은 이동을 나타내는 동사를 배워요. We're learning movement verbs in the polite present, so you can describe where you're going.

네 동사 모두 가다로 끝나요. All four dictionary forms end in 가다. Listen for that shared piece.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어디에 가요? —	Where are you going?
Junho	2층에 올라가요. 방에 들어가요. —	I'm going up to the second floor. I'm going into the room.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	어디에 가요? —	Where are you going?
Hana	1층에 내려가요. 밖에 나가요. —	I'm going down to the first floor. I'm going outside.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
들어가요 · 나가요 · 올라가요 · 내려가요 —	Go in · Go out · Go up · Go down	오늘은 이동을 나타내는 동사를 배워요. We're learning movement verbs in the polite present, so you can describe where you're going.
들어가다 · 나가다 · 올라가다 · 내려가다 —	To go in · To go out · To go up · To go down	네 동사 모두 가다로 끝나요. All four dictionary forms end in 가다. Listen for that shared piece.
가다 → 가 + 아요 → 가요 —	To go → go, in polite conversation	가다에서 다를 빼고 아요를 붙이면 가요가 돼요. Remove 다 and add 아요. The two vowel sounds combine, giving us 가요.
들어가다 → 들어가요 deureogada → deureogayo	To go in → go in	So I keep the beginning and change the final 가다 to 가요. 들어가다 becomes 들어가요.
나가다 → 나가요 올라가다 → 올라가요 내려가다 → 내려가요 —	Go out · Go up · Go down	맞아요. 나가요, 올라가요, 내려가요도 같은 방식이에요. That's right. The other three make the same change.
들어가요 deureogayo	I go in.	들어가요. I go in. Picture moving from outside a room to inside it.
나가요 nagayo	I go out.	나가요. I go out. Now picture moving from inside the room to outside.
올라가요 ollagayo	I go up.	올라가요. I go up. The movement is toward a higher place.



Grammar / Structure Notes

들어가요 · 나가요 · 올라가요 · 내려가요

들어가요 · 나가요 · 올라가요 · 내려가요 — Go in · Go out · Go up · Go down

Everyday polite present forms

들어가다 · 나가다 · 올라가다 · 내려가다

들어가다 · 나가다 · 올라가다 · 내려가다 — To go in · To go out · To go up · To go down

All four end in 가다.

가다 → 가 + 아요 → 가요

가다 → 가 + 아요 → 가요 — To go → go, in polite conversation

Use 가요, not 가아요.

들어가다 → 들어가요

들어가다 → 들어가요 — To go in → go in

Keep 들어. Change 가다 to 가요.

나가다 → 나가요 올라가다 → 올라가요 내려가다 → 내려가요

나가다 → 나가요

올라가다 → 올라가요

내려가다 → 내려가요 — Go out · Go up · Go down

The same 가다 → 가요 change works for all four.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
들어가요	deureogayo
들어가요 · 나가요	deureogayo · nagayo
올라가요 · 내려가요	ollagayo · naeryeogayo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 들어가요 / 나가요 / 올라가요 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
공부해요 / 운동해요 Turning 하다 Nouns into Verbs	A1 Grammar: compare 공부해요 / 운동해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CNJ-002
길다 / 짧다 / 멀다 / 가깝다 Conjugating Length and Distance Adjectives	A1 Grammar: compare 길다 / 짧다 / 멀다 / 가깝다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CNJ-005
먹다 / 마시다 / 사다 Conjugating Everyday Action Verbs	A1 Grammar: compare 먹다 / 마시다 / 사다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CNJ-004
받다 / 닫다 / 믿다 Regular ㄷ-Batchim Verbs Before the Irregular Ones	A1 Grammar: compare 받다 / 닫다 / 믿다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CNJ-008

My Notes

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