



Korean Ladder Study Note

부터 / 까지

Saying 'From' and 'Until' for Time and Place

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Particles	부터 / 까지 Saying 'From' and 'Until' for Time and Place

Study Links

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Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Real question. If I want to say from nine to six, do I translate both words one by one? English has from and to, but Korean feels different.

좋은 질문이에요. Korean marks the start with 부터, and the end with 까지.

부터 attaches to where something begins. 까지 attaches to where it ends. Think start tag, end tag.

So the particle sticks right onto the time word? No extra word, and no pause in the written Korean?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	가게는 몇 시부터 열어요? —	From what time does the shop open?
Junho	아침 10시부터 저녁 8시까지 열어요. —	It opens from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	점심시간은 몇 시부터 몇 시까지예요? —	From what time until what time is lunch break?
Junho	12시부터 1시까지예요. —	It's from 12 until 1.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
___부터 ___까지 ___-buteo ___-kkaji	from ___ until ___	좋은 질문이에요. Korean marks the start with 부터, and the end with 까지.
시작부터 끝까지 sijak-buteo kkeut-kkaji	from the start until the end	부터 attaches to where something begins. 까지 attaches to where it ends. Think start tag, end tag.
9시부터 6시까지 일해요 ahop-si-buteo yeoseot-si-kkaji ilhaeyo	I work from 9 until 6.	들어보세요. 9시부터 6시까지 일해요. That means, I work from nine until six.
9시부터 · 6시까지 ahop-si-buteo · yeoseot-si-kkaji	from 9 · until 6	맞아요. 9시 plus 부터 becomes 9시부터. 6시 plus 까지 becomes 6시까지.
월요일부터 금요일까지 woryoil-buteo geumyoil-kkaji	from Monday until Friday	It works for days too. 월요일부터 금요일까지 means from Monday until Friday.
여기부터 저기까지 yeogi-buteo jeogi-kkaji	from here to there	네. For a simple range, you can say 여기부터 저기까지, from here to there.
집에서 학교까지 jib-eseo hakgyo-kkaji	from home to school	One useful note. For movement from a place, Korean often uses 에서 for the starting place, like 집에서 학교까지. But 까지 still marks the ending place.
부터 = 시작 · 까지 = 끝 buteo = sijak · kkaji = kkeut	부터 = start · 까지 = end	좋아요. Picture two flags. 부터 puts a flag at the beginning. 까지 puts a flag at the finish.



Grammar / Structure Notes

___부터 ___까지

___부터 ___까지 — from ___ until ___

부터 = starting point · 까지 = ending point

시작부터 끝까지

시작부터 끝까지 — from the start until the end

Particles attach directly to the word before them

9시부터6시까지일해요

9시 + 부터 + 6시 + 까지 + 일해요 — I work from 9 until 6.

들어보세요. 9시부터 6시까지 일해요. That means, I work from nine until six.

9시부터6시까지일해요

9시 + 부터 + 6시 + 까지 + 일해요 — I work from 9 until 6.

Notice the order. 9시부터 comes first, then 6시까지. Start, then end.

9시부터 · 6시까지

9시부터 · 6시까지 — from 9 · until 6

Noun plus particle, written together

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
아홉시부터	ahop-si-buteo
여섯시까지	yeoseot-si-kkaji
아홉시부터 여섯시까지	ahop-si-buteo yeoseot-si-kkaji

Self-Check

- 1 Say 부터 / 까지 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
도 Saying 'Also', 'Too', and 'Even' in Korean	A1 Grammar: compare 도 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-006
에 The Korean Particle for Place and Time	A1 Grammar: compare 에 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-004
에서 Where the Action Happens	A1 Grammar: compare 에서 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-005
와 / 과 / 하고 Linking Two Nouns with 'And'	A1 Grammar: compare 와 / 과 / 하고 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-007

My Notes

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