



Korean Ladder Study Note

같이 / 와 함께 / 하고

Saying 'Together With' Someone

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Particles	같이 / 와 함께 / 하고 Saying 'Together With' Someone

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-017>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Here's my English-speaker problem: I see 와, 하고, and 같이, and I want to say, "I'm going with my friend." Which one do I actually use?

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, "with someone" is often built with a person word plus 같이, 함께, or 하고.

And one important warning: 와 and 과 by themselves often connect nouns like "and." In today's pattern, watch for 와 함께 or 과 함께.

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Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 누구하고 가요? —	Who are you going with today?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	친구하고 같이 가요. —	I'm going together with a friend.
Hana	좋아요. 내일은 가족과 함께 가요? —	Nice. Tomorrow, are you going together with your family?
Junho	네, 가족과 함께 가요. —	Yes, I'm going together with my family.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
친구하고 같이 가요 chingu-hago gachi gayo	I'm going together with a friend.	좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, “with someone” is often built with a person word plus 같이, 함께, or 하고.
와/과 함께 wa/gwa hamkke	together with	And one important warning: 와 and 과 by themselves often connect nouns like “and.” In today's pattern, watch for 와 함께 or 과 함께.
같이 · 와/과 함께 · 하고 gachi · wa/gwa hamkke · hago	together · together with · with/and	오늘의 핵심은 세 가지예요. 같이 is friendly and common, 와 함께 is a little more polished, and 하고 can attach to a person noun in casual speech.
동생하고 같이 먹어요 dongsaeng-hago gachi meogeoyo	I eat together with my younger sibling.	First native example. 동생하고 같이 먹어요. In English, “I eat together with my younger sibling.”
엄마와 함께 만들어요 eomma-wa hamkke mandeureoyo	I make it together with my mom.	Second example. 엄마와 함께 만들어요. This is “I make it together with my mom,” and it sounds a bit more polished.
엄마와 함께 / 선생님과 함께 eomma-wa hamkke / seonsaengnim-gwa hamkke	with mom / with the teacher	Use 와 after a noun that ends in a vowel, like 엄마. Use 과 after a noun that ends in a consonant, like 선생님.
선생님과 함께 seonsaengnim-gwa hamkke	Saying 'Together With' Someone	Listen to the consonant ending. 선생님 ends with 미음, so we say 선생님과 함께.
친구와 함께 공부해요 chingu-wa hamkke gongbuhaeyo	I study together with a friend.	Okay, then: 친구와 함께 공부해요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

친구하고 같이 가요

친구하고 같이 가요 — I'm going together with a friend.

Very common in everyday speech

와/과 함께

와/과 함께 — together with

와/과 alone can simply link nouns: A and B

같이 · 와/과 함께 · 하고

같이 · 와/과 함께 · 하고 — together · together with · with/and

One idea, different feel and structure

친구하고 같이 가요

친구 + 하고 + 같이 + 가요 — I'm going together with a friend.

So if I say 친구하고 같이 가요, that sounds like normal everyday Korean?

친구하고 같이 가요

친구 + 하고 + 같이 + 가요 — friend + with, together, go

맞아요. 친구하고 marks the person you are with, and 같이 adds the feeling of "together."

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
선생님과 함께	seonsaengnim-gwa hamkke
친구하고 같이 가요	chingu-hago gachi gayo
같이 가요	gachi
친구와 함께 가요	chingu-wa hamkke gayo
선생님과 함께 가요	seonsaengnim-gwa hamkke gayo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 같이 / 와 함께 / 하고 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
(으)로 Saying 'By', 'With', and 'Toward' in Korean	A1 Grammar: compare (으)로 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-012
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
만 Saying 'Only' and 'Just This' with the Particle 만	A1 Grammar: compare 만 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-011
부터 / 까지 Saying 'From' and 'Until' for Time and Place	A1 Grammar: compare 부터 / 까지 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-010

My Notes

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