



Korean Ladder Study Note

에는 / 에서는

Adding Contrastive 는 to Place Particles

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Particles	에는 / 에서는 Adding Contrastive 는 to Place Particles

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-024>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8KiF3kDKDQ>

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Core Idea

I know 학교에 means “at school.” But then I see 학교에는 or 학교에서는. Why are there suddenly two longer endings?

That is a very real question. These endings are not new places. They add 는, the particle that gives a contrastive topic feeling.

오늘은 장소를 비교할 때 쓰는 에는과 에서는을 배워요. We use them when we want to contrast what is true in one place with another place.

에와 는을 붙이면 에는이 돼요. The particle 는 comes after 에, making 에는.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	집에서는 쉬어요. —	At home, I rest.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	도서관에서는 공부해요. —	At the library, I study.
Hana	카페에서는 커피를 마셔요. —	At the cafe, I drink coffee.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
학교에 학생이 많아요 hakgyo-e haksang-i manyo	There are many students at school.	First, hear the plain version: 학교에 학생이 많아요. There are many students at school.
학교에는 학생이 많아요 hakgyo-eneun haksang-i manyo	At school, there are many students.	Now add contrast: 학교에는 학생이 많아요. At school, there are many students. It can suggest that another place is different.
에는 / 에서는 —	Contrastive place particles	오늘은 장소를 비교할 때 쓰는 에는과 에서는을 배워요. We use them when we want to contrast what is true in one place with another place.
에 + 는 → 에는 e + neun → eneun	at or in + contrastive topic	예와 눈을 붙이면 예는이 돼요. The particle 는 comes after 예, making 예는.
에서 + 는 → 에서는 eseo + neun → eseneun	at the place of an action + contrastive topic	예서와 눈을 붙이면 예서는이 돼요. The particle 는 comes after 예서, making 예서는.
장소 + 에는 / 장소 + 에서는 —	As for this place...	눈을 넣으면 이곳은 그렇고, 다른 곳은 어떨까 하는 비교가 생겨요. With 는, we naturally compare this place with somewhere else.
집에는 고양이가 있어요 jibeneun goyangi-ga isseoyo	At home, there is a cat.	Here is an existence contrast: 집에는 고양이가 있어요. At home, there is a cat.
공원에는 고양이가 없어요 gongwon-eneun goyangi-ga eopseoyo	In the park, there is no cat.	공원에는 고양이가 없어요. In the park, there is no cat.



Grammar / Structure Notes

학교에 학생이 많아요

학교 + 에 + 학생 + 이 + 많아요 — There are many students at school.

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에는 / 에서는 — Contrastive place particles

Compare one place with another.

에 + 는 → 에는

에 + 는 → 에는 — at or in + contrastive topic

Start with 에, then add 는.

에서 + 는 → 에서는

에서 + 는 → 에서는 — at the place of an action + contrastive topic

Start with 에서, then add 는.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
집에서는 쉬어요. 도서관에서는 공부해요.	jibeseoneun swieoyo. doseogwaneseoneun gongbuhaeyo.
도서관에서는 공부해요	doseogwaneseoneun gongbuhaeyo
도서관에서는	doseogwaneseoneun

Self-Check

- 1 Say 에는 / 에서는 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
같이 / 와 함께 / 하고 Saying 'Together With' Someone	A1 Grammar: compare 같이 / 와 함께 / 하고 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-017
끼리 Saying 'Among Ourselves' and 'Between Friends'	A1 Grammar: compare 끼리 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-023
도 안 / 도 못 / 도 없어요 Saying 'Not Even' with 도 and Negatives	A1 Grammar: compare 도 안 / 도 못 / 도 없어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-PRT-021

My Notes

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