



Korean Ladder Study Note

하나 둘 셋

Counting Out Loud with Even Korean Rhythm

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Pronunciation Intonation	하나 둘 셋 Counting Out Loud with Even Korean Rhythm

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVYvl8Diubk>

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Core Idea

When I count quickly, 하나, 둘, 셋 turns into one blurry sound. Should every number get the same beat?

좋은 질문이에요. 하나는 두 음절이고 둘과 셋은 한 음절이에요. In Korean, let each syllable have a small, steady beat.

숫자가 너무 붙어 들리면 상대방이 몇까지 셧는지 놓칠 수 있어요. If the number words run together, the listener can lose your place.

오늘은 하나, 둘, 셋을 또렷한 리듬으로 세어 볼 거예요. Today we will count one, two, three with clear Korean rhythm.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	연필을 같이 세어 볼까요? —	Shall we count the pencils together?
Junho	하나, 둘, 셋, 넷. —	One, two, three, four.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 모두 넷이에요. —	Yes, there are four in all.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
하나, 둘, 셋 hana, dul, set	one, two, three	오늘은 하나, 둘, 셋을 뚜렷한 리듬으로 세어 볼거예요. Today we will count one, two, three with clear Korean rhythm.
하나 = 두 박자 —	하 and 나 each get one small beat.	핵심은 숫자 단어마다 같은 길이를 만드는 것이 아니예요. The key is not making every whole number equally long. Match the spoken syllables.
하나, 둘, 셋, 넷, 다섯 hana, dul, set, net, daseot	Counting Out Loud with Even Korean Rhythm	먼저 자연스럽게 들어 보세요. 하나, 둘, 셋, 넷, 다섯. Listen for each word to stay whole and clear.
하나 hana	one	하나는 하와 나, 두 음절이에요. One is 하나, and it has two syllables. Give each syllable one light beat.
둘, 셋 dul, set	two, three	둘과 셋은 각각 한 음절이에요. 둘 is one syllable, and 셋 is one syllable, so each gets one light beat.
하나 둘 셋 —	one two three	맞아요. 그리고 하나 안에서는 멈추지 않아요. Correct. Do not pause inside 하나. The tiny boundary comes after the whole word.
하나, 둘 —	one, two	쉼표는 긴 멈춤이 아니예요. The comma is not a long pause. It is just enough space for the next number to sound clear.
여섯 yeoseot	six	여섯도 두 음절이에요. 여 and 셋 each receive a light beat. Then say the word smoothly as 여섯.



Grammar / Structure Notes

하나, 둘, 셋

하나, 둘, 셋 — one, two, three

Follow the syllables, then leave a tiny boundary between number words.

하나 = 두 박자

하나 = 두 박자 — 하 and 나 each get one small beat.

A one-syllable number gets one small beat.

하나

하 + 나 — one

하나는 하와 나, 두 음절이에요. One is 하나, and it has two syllables. Give each syllable one light beat.

둘, 셋

둘, 셋 — two, three

One syllable means one small beat.

하나 | 둘 | 셋

하나 | 둘 | 셋 — one | two | three

Keep each number word whole, then separate the words lightly.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
하나, 둘, 셋, 넷, 다섯	hana, dul, set, net, daseot
하나, 둘, 셋	hana, dul, set
여섯, 일곱, 여덟, 아홉, 열	yeoseot, ilgop, yeodeol, ahop, yeol
하나, 둘, 셋, 넷	hana, dul, set, net
하나	hana
세 잔	se jan
커피 세 잔 주세요	keopi se jan juseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 하나 둘 셋 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
가요 끝을 올리면 질문이 돼요	A1 Pronunciation: compare 가요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-001
감사해요 Statement vs Soft-Question Pitch on Polite Fragments	A1 Pronunciation: compare 감사해요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-005
공일공에 삼사공팔 전화번호와 숫자를 끊어 읽는 리듬	A1 Pronunciation: compare 공일공에 삼사공팔 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-003
네 Stretching or Cutting Agreement and Refusal	A1 Pronunciation: compare 네 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-004

My Notes

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