



FREE LESSON STUDY NOTE · RICH TRANSCRIPT STUDY SHEET

TOPIK Speaking Task 1

Answer a Personal Question | 말하기 · Korean Ladder

Use this printable study sheet with the Korean Ladder video and web lesson. Climb one clear rung at a time: understand the meaning of TOPIK Speaking Task 1, hear how it sounds in context, then test yourself before moving to the next lesson.

01 · STUDY LINKS

Video, Website, and Path Links

Lesson on Korean Ladder: <https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-SPK-1-001> — interactive cards, study path position, and progress tracking

Watch the full video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XacdHJqm_V8 — Korean Ladder video lesson (XacdHJqm_V8)

Download / share this PDF: <https://www.koreanladder.com/assets/lesson-notes/kor-a1-spk-1-001.pdf> — direct study-note link

Continue this study path: https://www.koreanladder.com/paths.html#korean_ladder_beginner_speaking — Korean_Ladder_Beginner_Speaking

02 · CORE EXPLANATION

What to Notice First

- 안녕하세요, 저는 지호입니다. Hello everyone. Task 1 is the very first question on the TOPIK Speaking test. It is warm-up level, A1, and if you know how to build three simple sentences, you can start the exam with full confidence.
- Let us see what Task 1 asks you to do. You hear and read a short personal question about a familiar topic, like weekends, hobbies, food, or places you go. You get 20 seconds to prepare, and 30 seconds to speak.
- That three-part ladder is our secret today. Step one, answer the question directly with 저는 보통, which means I usually. Listen: 저는 보통 주말에 공원에 가요. I usually go to the park on the weekend.
- Notice the particle after the place. Put 에 after the place name, like 공원에 가요, or 집에서 쉬어요 when you do an action at home. Using 저는 보통 right at the start shows the grader you are answering the exact question.

03 · KEY KOREAN LINES

Core Pattern & Example Bank

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
20초 준비 · 30초 말하기	3-step daily life answer: Direct Answer · Detail · Feeling	Hook
저는 보통 [장소]에 가요 / [활동]을 해요 jeoneun botong [jangso]e gayo / [hwaldong]eul haeyo	I usually go to [place] / do [activity]	Pattern
[사람]하고 같이 ____ 해요. 그리고 ____도 해요. [saram]hago gachi ____haeyo. geurigo ____do haeyo.	I do ____ together with [person]. And I also do ____.	Pattern

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
그래서 기분이 아주 좋아요 / 정말 즐거워요 geuraeseo gibuniaju joayo / jeongmal jeulgeowoyo	So I feel very good / it is really enjoyable	Pattern
저는 주말에 보통 집 근처 공원에 가요. 평일에는 회사 일이 바빠서 운동할 시간이 별로 없어요. 그래서 토요일 아침에 친구하고 같이 공원에서 산책을 해요. 날씨가 좋으면 자전거도 타고 이야기도 많이 해요. 산책 후에 공원 옆 카페에서 따뜻한 커피도 한 잔 마셔요. 공원에서 시간을 보내면 스트레스가 풀리고 기분이 아주 좋아요.	On weekends, I usually go to a park near my house. On weekdays, work is busy, so I don't have much time to exercise. So on Saturday mornings, I take a walk in the park with my friend. When the weather is nice, we also ride bikes and talk a lot. After the walk, we also drink a cup of warm coffee at a cafe next to the park. When I spend time in the park, my stress is relieved and I feel very good.	Model Answer
주말에 집에서 영화 봐요. 영화 재미있어요.	Weak answer: On the weekend I watch a movie at home. Movie is fun. (Too short, missing '보통', missing connectors)	Dialogue (Jiho)
저는 주말에 보통 집에서 영화를 봐요. 한국 영화를 아주 좋아해서 자주 봐요. 그리고 맛있는 과자도 먹어요. 그래서 주말이 정말 즐거워요.	Upgraded answer: On weekends, I usually watch movies at home. Because I really like Korean movies, I watch them often. And I also eat delicious snacks. So the weekend is really enjoyable.	Dialogue (Sua)

04 · SPOKEN CONTEXT

Mini Dialogue & Listening Cue

Jiho	주말에 집에서 영화 봐요. 영화 재미있어요. Weak answer: On the weekend I watch a movie at home. Movie is fun. (Too short, missing '보통', missing connectors)
Sua	저는 주말에 보통 집에서 영화를 봐요. 한국 영화를 아주 좋아해서 자주 봐요. 그리고 맛있는 과자도 먹어요. 그래서 주말이 정말 즐거워요. Upgraded answer: On weekends, I usually watch movies at home. Because I really like Korean movies, I watch them often. And I also eat delicious snacks. So the weekend is really enjoyable.

05 · SELF-CHECK

Quick Practice & Answer Key

Prompt: When do you use TOPIK Speaking Task 1 in a natural A1 Korean sentence?

- A. Use TOPIK Speaking Task 1 when expressing: Answer a Personal Question | 말하기 · Korean Ladder.
- B. Say the Korean sentence aloud and check the particle/ending attachment.
- C. Model sentence: 20초 준비 · 30초 말하기

1. Cover the English column above and translate each Korean expression aloud.
2. Write two personal sentences using TOPIK Speaking Task 1 (Answer a Personal Question | 말하기 · Korean Ladder).
3. Watch the YouTube video once without pausing, then repeat the key lines with the teachers.

Answer key: Core target: TOPIK Speaking Task 1 — Answer a Personal Question | 말하기 · Korean Ladder — Check the meaning, attachment rule, and register before producing your own sentence.

06 • NEXT RUNGS

Related / Subsequent Studies

Lesson	Level	Where to study next
TOPIK Speaking Task 1 — Answer with a Reason and an Example 말하기 • Korean Ladder Speaking › Task 1	B1 • TOPIK 3	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF
TOPIK Speaking Task 3 — Narrate a Picture Story with Rich Connectors 말하기 • Korean Ladder Speaking › Task 3	C1 • TOPIK 5	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF
왼쪽 / 오른쪽 / 앞 / 뒤 — Your First Words for Left, Right, and Position Vocabulary › Travel & Places	A1 • TOPIK 1	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF
모음 이름 — 아·야·어·여부터 애·에까지 Pronunciation › Vowels	A1 • TOPIK 1	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF

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