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TOPIK 1 · A1 Beginner

KOR-A1-VG-GRAM-PRT-801

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Choosing 은/는 or 이/가 in Blank Questions — TOPIK I Grammar | Korean Ladder

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Use this printable study sheet with the Korean Ladder video and web lesson. Climb one clear rung at a time: understand the meaning of Choosing 은/는 or 이/가 in Blank Questions — TOPIK I Grammar | Korean Ladder, 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-VG-GRAM-PRT-801 — interactive cards, study path position, and progress tracking

Watch the full video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRfNhXezM8E — Korean Ladder video lesson (BRfNhXezM8E)

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02 · CORE EXPLANATION

What to Notice First

1. 안녕하세요, 저는 지호예요. Those tiny particles look so similar on the test paper, right? Today we will give you clear clues you can spot right away in any TOPIK One blank question.

2. Here is the question every learner asks us. When a TOPIK sentence has a blank right after a noun, and the choices are 은, 는, 이, and 가, how do I know which one fits?

3. Because in English translation, both can look like the subject of the sentence. If you just translate into English, you get stuck.

4. Exactly. So instead of translating, we look at two things on the exam. First, what is the role of the noun, topic and contrast or a specific subject. Second, what verb comes at the end of the sentence.

03 · KEY KOREAN LINES

Core Pattern & Example Bank

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
명사(___) + 동사/형용사	When both fit after a noun, how does TOPIK decide?	Hook
명사(___) + 동사/형용사	English translation won't tell them apart — Korean clues will	Hook
은/는 (화제·대조) vs 이/가 (주어·존재·의문사) eun/neun vs i/ga	Topic / contrast vs Subject / existence / question word	Pattern

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Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
받침 O: 은 / 이 · 받침 X: 는 / 가 batchim O: eun / i · batchim X: neun / ga	With final consonant: 은 or 이 · Vowel ending: 는 or 가	Pattern
저는 학생입니다. Jeoneun haksaengimnida.	As for me, I am a student.	저 + 는 + 학생 + 입니다.
형은 회사원이고 동생은 대학생입니다. Hyeongeun hoesawonigo dongsaengeun daehaksaengimnida.	My older brother is an office worker, and my younger sibling is a college student.	형 + 은 + 회사원 + 이고 + 동생 + 은 + 대학생 + 입니다.
교실에 시계가 있습니다. Gyosire sigyega itseumnida.	There is a clock in the classroom.	교실 + 에 + 시계 + 가 + 있습니다.

04 · SPOKEN CONTEXT

Mini Dialogue & Listening Cue

Jiho	이 서점에 한국어 사전이 있어요? Is there a Korean dictionary in this bookstore?
Sua	네, 사전이 있어요. 어느 사전이 필요해요? Yes, there is a dictionary. Which dictionary do you need?
Jiho	큰 사전은 무거워요. 작은 사전이 좋아요. The big dictionary is heavy. A small dictionary is good.

05 · SELF-CHECK

Quick Practice & Answer Key

Prompt: 방에 책상(___) 있습니다.

- A. 은
- B. 가
- C. 이

1. Cover the English column above and translate each Korean expression aloud.
2. Write two personal sentences using Choosing 은/는 or 이/가 in Blank Questions — TOPIK I Grammar | Korean Ladder (Choosing 은/는 or 이/가 in Blank Questions — TOPIK I Grammar | Korean Ladder).
3. Watch the YouTube video once without pausing, then repeat the key lines with the teachers.

Answer key: C: 방에 책상이 있습니다. — '책상' ends in 받침 ㅇ, and '있습니다' states that a desk exists in the room → 주격 조사 '이'.

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06 · NEXT RUNGS

Related / Subsequent Studies

Lesson	Level	Where to study next
TOPIK I Vocabulary — Feeling Words and Their Opposites Vocabulary & Grammar › Vocabulary › Feelings	**A2 · TOPIK 2**	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
축하드립니다 / 삼가 조의를 표합니다 — Congratulations and Condolences Conversation › Greetings & Basics	**B1 · TOPIK 3**	Web lesson · YouTube video · Study PDF

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