



Korean Ladder Study Note

아들 / 딸 / 손자 / 손녀

Talking About Children and Grandchildren

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Family & People	아들 / 딸 / 손자 / 손녀 Talking About Children and Grandchildren

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FAM-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

I keep wanting to ask, “Do you have kids?” in Korean, but then I freeze. Is it 아들? 딸? 아이? And what about grandkids?

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, we can name the family member first, then add 있어요 for “have” or “there is.”

Today’s pattern is very small: noun, particle, 있어요 or 없어요. It matters because it makes natural questions like 아들이 있어요?

핵심 단어는 네 개예요. 아들, 딸, 손자, 손녀. In English: son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	손자가 있어요? —	Do you have a grandson?
Junho	네, 손자가 있어요. —	Yes, I have a grandson.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	손녀도 있어요? —	Do you also have a granddaughter?
Junho	아니요, 손녀는 없어요. —	No, I don't have a granddaughter.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
가족 + 있어요 / 없어요 gajok + isseoyo / eopseoyo	family member + have / don't have	좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, we can name the family member first, then add 있어요 for "have" or "there is."
아들 · 딸 · 손자 · 손녀 adeul · ttal · sonja · sonnyeo	son · daughter · grandson · granddaughter	핵심 단어는 네 개예요. 아들, 딸, 손자, 손녀. In English: son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter.
아들이 있어요 adeul-i isseoyo	I have a son. / There is a son.	아들. 아들은 "son." For example, 아들이 있어요 means "I have a son" or "there is a son."
딸이 있어요 ttal-i isseoyo	I have a daughter.	딸. 딸 is "daughter." 딸이 있어요 means "I have a daughter."
손자가 있어요 sonja-ga isseoyo	I have a grandson.	손자. 손자는 "grandson." 손자가 있어요 means "I have a grandson."
손녀가 있어요 sonnyeo-ga isseoyo	I have a granddaughter.	손녀. 손녀 is "granddaughter." 손녀가 있어요 means "I have a granddaughter."
이/가 + 있어요 i/ga + isseoyo	marks what exists / what someone has	은/는 can mark a topic, but here 이/가 is very useful because we are saying what exists or what someone has. In English, think "as for existence, son exists."
받침 있음: 이 / 받침 없음: 가 batchim isseum: i / batchim eopseum: ga	final consonant: 이 / no final consonant: 가	Exactly. Use 이 after a noun with a final consonant, and 가 after a noun ending in a vowel. 아들 has a final consonant, so 아들이. 손자 ends in a vowel sound, so 손자가.



Grammar / Structure Notes

가족 + 있어요 / 없어요

가족 + 있어요 / 없어요 — family member + have / don't have

Use it for simple family questions and answers.

명사 + 이/가 + 있어요?

명사 + 이/가 + 있어요? — Do you have a noun? / Is there a noun?

이/가 marks what exists or does not exist.

아들 · 딸 · 손자 · 손녀

아들 · 딸 · 손자 · 손녀 — son · daughter · grandson · granddaughter

Four useful family nouns.

아들이 있어요

아들 + 이 + 있어요 — I have a son. / There is a son.

아들. 아들은 “son.” For example, 아들이 있어요 means “I have a son” or “there is a son.”

딸이 있어요

딸 + 이 + 있어요 — I have a daughter.

딸. 딸 is “daughter.” 딸이 있어요 means “I have a daughter.”

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
아들이 있어요	adeur-i isseoyo
아들이	adeur-i
딸이 있어요	ttal-i isseoyo
손자가 있어요 / 손녀가 있어요	sonja-ga isseoyo / sonnyeo-ga isseoyo
손녀가 있어요	sonnyeo-ga isseoyo
아들이 · 딸이 · 손자가 · 손녀가	adeur-i · ttal-i · sonja-ga · sonnyeo-ga
아들이 / 딸이 / 손자가 / 손녀가	adeur-i / ttal-i / sonja-ga / sonnyeo-ga

Self-Check

- 1 Say 아들 / 딸 / 손자 / 손녀 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
사람 / 친구 / 남자 / 여자 / 아이 Your First Words for People	A1 Vocabulary: compare 사람 / 친구 / 남자 / 여자 / 아이 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FAM-001
할아버지 / 할머니 / 누나 / 동생 More Family Members	A1 Vocabulary: compare 할아버지 / 할머니 / 누나 / 동생 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FAM-002
사촌 / 이모부 / 며느리 / 처가 Extended Family and In-Law Terms	C1 Vocabulary: compare 사촌 / 이모부 / 며느리 / 처가 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-FAM-001
엄마 / 아빠 / 형 / 오빠 Naming Your Family	A2 Vocabulary: compare 엄마 / 아빠 / 형 / 오빠 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-FAM-001

My Notes

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