



Korean Ladder Study Note

반려동물 / 주인 / 산책

Talking About Pets as Family

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Family & People	반려동물 / 주인 / 산책 Talking About Pets as Family

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FAM-006>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abHXujGfgh0>

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Core Idea

So, Hana and Junho, the other day I told a Korean friend that I walk my dog every morning, and they looked so confused. What did I say wrong?

In English, you can walk a dog as an object. But in Korean, dogs are not something you walk. You go for a walk together with them.

맞아요. In Korean culture, pets are seen as true family members. Today we will learn the warm, natural words Koreans use every day.

First, let us look at the modern Korean word for pet: 반려동물.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨는 반려동물이 있어요? —	Junho, do you have a pet?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 귀여운 강아지가 있어요. 매일 산책해요. —	Yes, I have a cute puppy. I walk every day.
Hana	정말 좋은 보호자네요. —	You are a truly wonderful guardian.
Hana	준호 씨는 반려동물이 있어요? —	Junho, do you have a pet?
Junho	네, 귀여운 강아지가 있어요. 매일 산책해요. —	Yes, I have a cute puppy. I walk every day.
Hana	정말 좋은 보호자네요. —	You are a truly wonderful guardian.
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Junho	네, 귀여운 강아지가 있어요. 매일 산책해요. —	Yes, I have a cute puppy. I walk every day.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
반려동물 ballyeodongmul	companion animal / pet	First, let us look at the modern Korean word for pet: 반려동물.
반려동물이 있어요 ballyeodongmuri isseoyo	I have a pet.	Here is our first basic sentence: 반려동물이 있어요.
강아지와 산책해요 gangajiwa sanchaekaeyo	I go for a walk with my puppy.	Now let us see how to talk about going for a walk: 강아지와 산책해요.
저는 강아지 보호자예요 jeoneun gangaji bohojayeoyo	I am the puppy's guardian.	And when you describe your role as the pet parent, you can say: 저는 강아지 보호자예요.
보호자 bohoja	guardian / caretaker	보호자 means guardian or protector. At the vet clinic or in the park, staff and owners almost always say 보호자.



Grammar / Structure Notes

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반려 (life partner) + 동물 (animal)

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반려동물이 있어요

반려동물 + 이 + 있어요 — I have a pet.

Here is our first basic sentence: 반려동물이 있어요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
강아지와 산책해요	gangajiwa sanchaekaeyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 반려동물 / 주인 / 산책 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
아들 / 딸 / 손자 / 손녀 Talking About Children and Grandchildren	A1 Vocabulary: compare 아들 / 딸 / 손자 / 손녀 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FAM-003
이웃 / 옆집 / 아랫집 / 윗집 Talking About Your Neighbors	A1 Vocabulary: compare 이웃 / 옆집 / 아랫집 / 윗집 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FAM-004
친척 / 가족 모임 / 외식 Words for Relatives and Family Outings	A1 Vocabulary: compare 친척 / 가족 모임 / 외식 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FAM-005

My Notes

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