



Korean Ladder Study Note

도어락 / 비밀번호 / 카드키

Unlocking a Korean Front Door

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Home & Daily Life	도어락 / 비밀번호 / 카드키 Unlocking a Korean Front Door

Study Links

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Core Idea

I'm outside my rental apartment. There's a keypad, but no keyhole I can see. Do I ask for a password or a key?

둘 다 가능해요. Either can work, depending on the lock. First, let's separate the device from the things you use to unlock it.

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도어락이에요. It's a digital door lock. In everyday Korean, 도어락 commonly means the electronic lock on a door.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	도어락 비밀번호가 뭐예요? —	What's the door-lock PIN?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	카드키 있어요? —	Do you have a key card?
Junho	네, 있어요. —	Yes, I do.
Hana	그럼 카드키를 대세요. —	Then hold the key card against the reader.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
도어락 · 비밀번호 · 카드키 —	digital door lock · PIN or password · key card	오늘의 단어는 도어락, 비밀번호, 카드키예요. Today's words are digital door lock, PIN or password, and key card.
도어락 doeorak	digital door lock	도어락이에요. It's a digital door lock. In everyday Korean, 도어락 commonly means the electronic lock on a door.
비밀번호 bimilbeonho	PIN · password · entry code	비밀번호예요. It's the PIN. 비밀번호 can also mean password, but at a numeric door keypad, we're talking about the entry code.
카드키 kadeuki	key card	카드키예요. It's a key card. You hold it against the reader on a compatible lock.
도어락 ≠ 비밀번호 ≠ 카드키 —	lock ≠ code ≠ card	So 도어락 is the device, 비밀번호 is the code, and 카드키 is the card. Not three names for the same thing.
도어락 비밀번호 —	door-lock PIN	맞아요. That's right. 도어락 비밀번호 makes clear which code you mean, especially if you've also been discussing the Wi-Fi password.
카드 → 카드키 —	card → key card	카드만 말하면 어떤 카드인지 모를 수 있어요. If you only say 카드, the listener may not know which kind. 카드키 clearly means a key card.



Grammar / Structure Notes

도어락 · 비밀번호 · 카드키

도어락 · 비밀번호 · 카드키 — digital door lock · PIN or password · key card

Useful at apartments and officetels

도어락

도어락 — digital door lock

The device, not its PIN

도어락

도어락 — digital door lock

도어락. That's the hardware attached to the door.

비밀번호

비밀번호 — PIN · password · entry code

At a door keypad: the code used to unlock it

카드키

카드키 — key card

For a lock that supports that card

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
비밀번호	bimilbeonho
도어락 비밀번호가 뭐예요?	Ask politely for the door-lock PIN.
카드키를 대세요.	Hold the card against the reader.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 도어락 / 비밀번호 / 카드키 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.

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