



Korean Ladder Study Note

널다 / 건조대 / 빨래집게

Drying Laundry at Home

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Home & Daily Life	널다 / 건조대 / 빨래집게 Drying Laundry at Home

Study Links

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Core Idea

My washing machine has finished. Now I need to hang everything up. Is that just the Korean word for drying?

빨래를 널어요. This means you hang out the laundry, or spread it out so it can dry. It names the action of putting the laundry up.

오늘의 핵심은 세 단어예요. Today's three key words are 널다, to hang out laundry; 건조대, a drying rack; and 빨래집게, a clothespin.

널다는 사전에서 찾는 형태예요. 널어요 is the everyday polite form we'll use. Listen: 널다. 널어요.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	빨래 어디에 널어요? —	Where do you hang the laundry?
Hana	건조대에 널어요. —	I hang it on the drying rack.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	빨래집게 있어요? —	Do you have clothespins?
Hana	네, 여기 있어요. —	Yes, they're here.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
널다 · 건조대 · 빨래집게 —	hang out laundry · drying rack · clothespin	오늘의 핵심은 세 단어예요. Today's three key words are 널다, to hang out laundry; 건조대, a drying rack; and 빨래집게, a clothespin.
널다 → 널어요 neolda → neoreoyo	to hang out → hang out, in polite speech	널다는 사전에서 찾는 형태예요. 널어요 is the everyday polite form we'll use. Listen: 널다. 널어요.
널어요 —	hang out laundry	So 널어요 is the action I do before the clothes are dry.
빨래 ppallae	laundry	빨래예요. This is laundry. Here, 빨래 means the clothes or towels we're washing or hanging up.
건조대 geonjodae	drying rack	건조대예요. It's a drying rack. In an apartment, this can be a folding rack for your laundry.
빨래집게 ppallaejipge	clothespin; clothes peg	빨래집게예요. It's a clothespin, also called a clothes peg. It holds laundry in place.
건조대 · 빨래집게 —	drying rack · clothespin	I can picture it. 건조대 is the rack, and 빨래집게 is the little clip.
빨래 + 를 → 빨래를 —	laundry + object marker	‘빨래를 널어요’라는 문장에서 조사 ‘를’은 동작의 대상을 나타내요. The particle 를 marks what you hang up: the laundry.



Grammar / Structure Notes

빨래를 널어요.

빨래를 널어요. — I hang out the laundry.

Hanging laundry up so it can dry.

널다 · 건조대 · 빨래집게

널다 · 건조대 · 빨래집게 — hang out laundry · drying rack · clothespin

An action, a place to put the laundry, and a tool to hold it.

널다 → 널어요

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Use 널어요 in today's sentences.

널어요

널어요 — hang out laundry

The laundry does not have to be dry yet.

빨래

빨래 — laundry

Here: the clothes and other items being washed or dried.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
널어요	neoreoyo
빨래집게	ppallaejipge

Self-Check

- 1 Say 널다 / 건조대 / 빨래집게 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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