



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 산 / 바다 / 하늘 / 나무

## Your First Korean Nature Words

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Nature & Weather	산 / 바다 / 하늘 / 나무 Your First Korean Nature Words

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NAT-001>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Auvwoo-ypY>

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## Core Idea

Okay, real talk — when I look at a mountain, the only word I've got is English. How do Koreans name the world outside?

Same! I want to point at the sky or a tree and actually say it in Korean.

좋아요. 오늘은 여섯 단어예요. In English — mountain, sea, sky, tree, flower, river. These are your first nature words.

산은 mountain, 바다는 sea. 하늘은 sky, 나무는 tree. 꽃은 flower, 강은 river. 하나씩 볼게요. We'll take them one by one.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨, 하늘이 파래요. —	Junho, the sky is blue.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 바다도 넓어요. —	Yes, and the sea is wide too.
Hana	산이 정말 높아요. —	The mountains are really high.
Junho	꽃도 예뻐요. 좋은 날이에요. —	The flowers are pretty too. It's a lovely day.
Hana	준호 씨, 하늘이 파래요. —	Junho, the sky is blue.
Junho	네, 바다도 넓어요. —	Yes, and the sea is wide too.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
산 · 바다 · 하늘 · 나무 · 꽃 · 강 san · bada · haneul · namu · kkot · gang	mountain · sea · sky · tree · flower · river	좋아요. 오늘은 여섯 단어예요. In English — mountain, sea, sky, tree, flower, river. These are your first nature words.
산이 높아요 san-i nopa-yo	The mountain is high.	산이 높아요. In English, 'the mountain is high.' 산 is mountain, and 높아요 means it's high.
바다가 넓어요 bada-ga neolbeo-yo	The sea is wide.	바다가 넓어요. The sea is wide. 바다 is sea, 넓어요 means wide.
하늘이 파래요 haneul-i parae-yo	The sky is blue.	하늘이 파래요. The sky is blue. 하늘 is sky, 파래요 means it's blue.
나무가 커요 namu-ga keo-yo	The tree is big.	나무가 커요. The tree is big. 나무 is tree, 커요 means big.
꽃이 예뻐요 kkot-i yeppeo-yo	The flower is pretty.	꽃이 예뻐요. The flower is pretty. 꽃 is flower, 예뻐요 means pretty.
강이 길어요 gang-i gireo-yo	The river is long.	강이 길어요. The river is long. 강 is river, 길어요 means long.
산이 / 바다가 san-i / bada-ga	noun + 이/가 = the subject	Wait — 산이 but 바다가? Why does the little word change — 이 versus 가?



## Grammar / Structure Notes

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### 산이 높아요

산 + 이 + 높아요 — The mountain is high.

산이 높아요. In English, 'the mountain is high.' 산 is mountain, and 높아요 means it's high.

### 바다가 넓어요

바다 + 가 + 넓어요 — The sea is wide.

바다가 넓어요. The sea is wide. 바다 is sea, 넓어요 means wide.

### 하늘이 파래요

하늘 + 이 + 파래요 — The sky is blue.

하늘이 파래요. The sky is blue. 하늘 is sky, 파래요 means it's blue.

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
하늘이 파래요	haneul-i parae-yo
바다가 넓어요	bada-ga neolbeo-yo

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 산 / 바다 / 하늘 / 나무 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
미세먼지 / 장마 / 폭염 / 황사 Weather and Environment News	B2 Vocabulary: compare 미세먼지 / 장마 / 폭염 / 황사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-NAT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-NAT-001</a>
비 / 눈 / 바람 Talking About the Weather	A2 Vocabulary: compare 비 / 눈 / 바람 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-NAT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-NAT-001</a>
Counting in Korean Native vs Sino Numbers	A1 Vocabulary: compare Counting in Korean with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-001</a>
물 / 커피 / 밥 Essential Food Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 물 / 커피 / 밥 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-001</a>

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