



Korean Ladder Study Note

층 / 호 / 번

Reading Floors, Room Numbers, and Bus Numbers

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Numbers & Counting	층 / 호 / 번 Reading Floors, Room Numbers, and Bus Numbers

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Here's my real-life panic question. If I see 302호, do I read it as three hundred two, or third floor room two, or something else?

And 5층 is 오층, 7번 is 칠번, and 2호선 is 이호선. Same number family: Sino-Korean numbers.

So today is not counting apples. It's reading labels: floor, room, bus, subway line.

오늘의 패턴은 숫자 뒤에 층, 호, 번을 붙이는 거예요. In English, attach the label after the number: fifth floor, room 302, bus number 7.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	사무실이 몇 층이에요? —	What floor is the office on?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	오층이에요. —	It's on the fifth floor.
Hana	몇 호예요? —	What room number is it?
Junho	오백일호예요. —	It's room 501.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
삼백이호 sambaeg-i-ho	Room or unit 302	좋은 질문이에요. 302호 is usually read with Sino-Korean numbers: 삼백이호.
일 · 이 · 삼 · 사 · 오 il · i · sam · sa · o	Sino-Korean numbers	And 5층 is 오층, 7번 is 칠번, and 2호선 is 이호선. Same number family: Sino-Korean numbers.
층 · 호 · 번 · 호선 cheung · ho · beon · hoseon	floor · room/unit · number · line	So today is not counting apples. It's reading labels: floor, room, bus, subway line.
숫자 + 층 / 호 / 번 sutja + cheung / ho / beon	number + floor / unit-room / number	오늘의 패턴은 숫자 뒤에 층, 호, 번을 붙이는 거예요. In English, attach the label after the number: fifth floor, room 302, bus number 7.
오층 ocheung	fifth floor	First, 층 means floor. 5층 is 오층. You do not say 다섯 층 for a floor label.
오층이에요 ocheung-ieyo	It's the fifth floor.	A natural full answer is 오층이에요. It means, it's the fifth floor.
몇층이에요 myeot cheung-ieyo	What floor is it?	Question: 몇 층이에요? In English, what floor is it? The answer keeps 층: 오층이에요.
몇 층이에요 myeot cheung-ieyo	Reading Floors, Room Numbers, and Bus Numbers	좋아요. One sound note: read the phrase as a small rhythm, 몇 층이에요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

삼백이호

삼백이 + 호 — Room or unit 302

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일 · 이 · 삼 · 사 · 오

일 · 이 · 삼 · 사 · 오 — Sino-Korean numbers

Use these for floors, room numbers, bus numbers, and line numbers.

층 · 호 · 번 · 호선

층 · 호 · 번 · 호선 — floor · room/unit · number · line

The label tells you what kind of number it is.

숫자 + 층 / 호 / 번

숫자 + 층 / 호 / 번 — number + floor / unit-room / number

For these labels, use Sino-Korean numbers.

몇 층이에요? / 몇 번이에요?

몇 층이에요? / 몇 번이에요? — What floor is it? / What number is it?

몇 means what or how many, depending on context.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
몇 층이에요? 오층이에요.	myeot cheung-ieyo? ocheung-ieyo.
몇 층이에요	myeot cheung-ieyo
몇 호예요? 삼백이호예요.	myeot hoyeyo? sambaeg-i-hoyeyo.
오층이에요	ocheung-ieyo
삼백이호예요	sambaeg-i-hoyeyo
칠번이에요	chilbeon-ieyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 층 / 호 / 번 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
몇 개예요 Your First Counters for Things and People	A1 Vocabulary: compare 몇 개예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-005
열 / 스물 / 서른 / 마흔 Native Korean Numbers by Tens	A1 Vocabulary: compare 열 / 스물 / 서른 / 마흔 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-004
영 / 공 / 백 / 천 / 만 Reading Big Sino Numbers Out Loud	A1 Vocabulary: compare 영 / 공 / 백 / 천 / 만 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-002
하나 · 둘 · 셋 · 넷 손으로 세는 고유어 수 1~10	A1 Vocabulary: compare 하나 · 둘 · 셋 · 넷 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-003

My Notes

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