



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 스물하나 / 서른둘 / 마흔다섯

Native Numbers from 21 to 99

| Level                    | Topic                            | Focus                                             |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| A1 · Beginner<br>TOPIK 1 | Vocabulary<br>Numbers & Counting | 스물하나 / 서른둘 / 마흔다섯<br>Native Numbers from 21 to 99 |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-007>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79KcvcwuyAk>

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## Core Idea

I know 스물 is twenty. But for twenty-one years old, can I say 스물하나 살?

아주 좋은 질문이에요. 뜻은 통하지만, 보통 스물한 살이라고 해요. Before the age counter 살, 하나 becomes 한.

오늘의 핵심은 고유어 수예요. Build a number with a tens word and a units word, then make a small change before some counters.

먼저 십의 자리예요. 스물은 twenty, 서른은 thirty, 마흔은 forty예요.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean            | Meaning                    |
|---------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Hana    | 사과가 몇 개 있어요?<br>— | How many apples are there? |
| Junho   | 서른두 개 있어요.<br>—   | There are 32.              |



| Speaker | Korean           | Meaning                       |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hana    | 사람이 몇 명 와요?<br>— | How many people are coming?   |
| Junho   | 마흔다섯 명 와요.<br>—  | Forty-five people are coming. |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                                                             | Meaning                  | Example                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 십의 자리 + 일의 자리<br>sibi jari + iri jari                            | tens place + units place | 오늘의 핵심은 고유어 수예요. Build a number with a tens word and a units word, then make a small change before some counters. |
| 스물 · 서른 · 마흔<br>seumul · seoreun · maheun                        | 20 · 30 · 40             | 먼저 십의 자리예요. 스물은 twenty, 서른은 thirty, 마흔은 forty예요.                                                                  |
| 쉰 · 예순 · 일흔 · 여든 · 아흔<br>swin · yesun · ilheun · yeodeun · aheun | 50 · 60 · 70 · 80 · 90   | 그다음은 쉰, 예순, 일흔, 여든, 아흔이에요. They mean fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, and ninety.                                   |
| 스물 + 하나 → 스물하나<br>seumul + hana → seumulhana                     | $20 + 1 = 21$            | 일의 자리는 하나, 둘, 셋, 다섯처럼 붙여요. The tens word comes first, and the units word follows.                                 |
| 스물하나<br>seumulhana                                               | 21                       | So twenty-one is 스물하나. I can hear twenty plus one.                                                                |
| 서른둘<br>seoreundul                                                | 32                       | 맞아요. 서른에 둘을 붙이면 서른둘이에요. That is thirty-two.                                                                       |
| 마흔다섯<br>maheundaseot                                             | 45                       | 마흔에 다섯을 붙이면 마흔다섯이에요. That is forty-five.                                                                          |
| 스물 + 여섯 → 스물여섯<br>seumul + yeoseot → seumulyeoseot               | $20 + 6 = 26$            | Then twenty-six is 스물여섯. I do not need to memorize a completely new word.                                         |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 십의 자리 + 일의 자리

십의 자리 + 일의 자리 — tens place + units place

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### 스물 · 서른 · 마흔

스물 · 서른 · 마흔 — 20 · 30 · 40

Learn these as whole native Korean number words.

### 쉰 · 예순 · 일흔 · 여든 · 아흔

쉰 · 예순 · 일흔 · 여든 · 아흔 — 50 · 60 · 70 · 80 · 90

These are the remaining tens words.

### 스물 + 하나 → 스물하나

스물 + 하나 → 스물하나 — 20 + 1 = 21

Tens plus units makes a bare number.

### 스물하나

스물 + 하나 — 21

So twenty-one is 스물하나. I can hear twenty plus one.

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase          | How to practice                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 스물하나, 서른둘, 마흔다섯 | seumulhana · seoreundul · maheundaseot |
| 스물한 살           | seumulhan sal                          |
| 저는 스물한 살이에요     | jeoneun seumulhan sarieyo              |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 스물하나 / 서른둘 / 마흔다섯 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<br>Your First Counters for Things and People         | A1 Vocabulary: compare 몇 개예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.             | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-005">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-005</a> |
| 열 / 스물 / 서른 / 마흔<br>Native Korean Numbers by Tens          | A1 Vocabulary: compare 열 / 스물 / 서른 / 마흔 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.  | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-004">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-004</a> |
| 영 / 공 / 백 / 천 / 만<br>Reading Big Sino Numbers Out Loud     | A1 Vocabulary: compare 영 / 공 / 백 / 천 / 만 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-002</a> |
| 층 / 호 / 번<br>Reading Floors, Room Numbers, and Bus Numbers | A1 Vocabulary: compare 층 / 호 / 번 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.         | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-006">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NUM-006</a> |

## My Notes

Your ladder to fluent Korean. This PDF, the website, and the video lessons are free for personal study.