



Korean Ladder Study Note

일월 / 이월 / 삼월

The Twelve Months of the Year

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Time & Date	일월 / 이월 / 삼월 The Twelve Months of the Year

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. I learned Korean numbers, but then October is 시월, not 십월? Did Korean just change the rules on me?

좋은 질문이에요. Korean month names are mostly number plus 월, but two months have special spellings.

Today's key question is 몇 월이에요? In English, that means, what month is it?

The pattern is number plus 월. 월 means month here.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	지금 몇 월이에요? —	What month is it now?
Junho	지금은 칠월이에요. —	It is July now.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	아, 칠월이에요. —	Ah, it is July.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
숫자 + 월 sutja + wol	number + month	The pattern is number plus 월. 월 means month here.
일 + 월 = 일월 il + wol = irwol	one + month = January	So January is one-month, basically? 일 plus 월?
일월 irwol	The Twelve Months of the Year	맞아요. 일월 means January. The pronunciation links smoothly, so it sounds like 이월.
이월 iwol	February	이월 means February. 이 is two, and 월 is month.
삼월 samwol	March	삼월 means March. 삼 plus 월.
사월 sawol	April	사월 means April. Very regular.
오월 owol	May	오월 means May. 오 plus 월.
유월 yuwol	June	Now the first exception. June is 유월, not 육월.



Grammar / Structure Notes

몇 월이에요?

몇 월이에요? — What month is it?

Use 몇 for number-based time and date questions.

숫자 + 월

숫자 + 월 — number + month

월 = month

일 + 월 = 일월

일 + 월 = 일월 — one + month = January

So January is one-month, basically? 일 plus 월?

이월

이 + 월 — February

이월 means February. 이 is two, and 월 is month.

삼월

삼 + 월 — March

삼월 means March. 삼 plus 월.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
일월	irwol
유월	yuwol
육 → 유월	yuk → yuwol
시월	siwol
십 → 시월	sip → siwol
몇 월이에요?	myeot wor-ieyo?
지금은 삼월이에요	jigeum-eun samwor-ieyo
지금은 시월이에요	jigeum-eun siwor-ieyo

Self-Check

1 Say 일월 / 이월 / 삼월 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
아침 / 점심 / 저녁 / 밤 The Parts of a Korean Day	A1 Vocabulary: compare 아침 / 점심 / 저녁 / 밤 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-002
오늘 / 내일 / 어제 Talking About Days	A1 Vocabulary: compare 오늘 / 내일 / 어제 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-001
몇 시예요 시 / 분 / 반으로 시간 말하기	A2 Vocabulary: compare 몇 시예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-TIM-001
월요일 / 화요일 / 주말 The Days of the Week in Korean	A2 Vocabulary: compare 월요일 / 화요일 / 주말 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-TIM-002

My Notes

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