



Korean Ladder Study Note

며칠이에요

Reading Calendar Dates Out Loud

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Time & Date	며칠이에요 Reading Calendar Dates Out Loud

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-005>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Here's my real-life problem. I see three slash five on a form, and I freeze. Is that March fifth? May third? And how do I say it in Korean?

좋은 질문이에요. Korean dates go from bigger to smaller: month first, then day.

So I don't say March five in English order. In Korean, I say 삼월 오일.

The pattern is simple. Number plus 월 for the month, then number plus 일 for the date. In Korean, say the month number first, then the date number.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘은 며칠이에요? —	What date is it today?
Junho	오늘은 삼월 오일이에요. —	Today is March fifth.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	회의는 몇 월 며칠이에요? —	What month and day is the meeting?
Junho	회의는 사월 이십일일이에요. —	The meeting is April twenty-first.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
월 → 일 wol → il	month → day	좋은 질문이에요. Korean dates go from bigger to smaller: month first, then day.
삼월 오일 sam-wol o-il	March fifth	So March fifth is 삼월 오일. Literally, three-month five-day.
숫자 + 월, 숫자 + 일 sut-ja + wol, sut-ja + il	number + month, number + day	The pattern is simple. Number plus 월 for the month, then number plus 일 for the date. In Korean, say the month number first, then the date number.
일월 일일 i-rwol i-ril	January first	일월 일일. January first.
이월 십사일 i-wol sip-sa-il	February fourteenth	이월 십사일. February fourteenth.
사월 이십일일 sa-wol i-si-bi-ril	April twenty-first	사월 이십일일. April twenty-first.
이십일일 i-si-bi-ril	the twenty-first day / 21st	네. 날짜에서는 number plus 일이에요. So twenty-first is 이십일일.
유월 / 시월 yu-wol / si-wol	June / October	Now watch two special month names. June is 유월, not 육월. October is 시월, not 십월.



Grammar / Structure Notes

월 → 일

월 → 일 — month → day

In Korean, say the month number first, then the date number.

삼월 오일

삼 + 월 + 오 + 일 — March fifth

So March fifth is 삼월 오일. Literally, three-month five-day.

삼월 오일

삼월 오일 — March fifth

월 means month; 일 means day/date.

오늘 며칠이에요?

오늘 + 며칠 + 이에요? — What date is it today?

맞아요. 그리고 오늘 며칠이에요? means, what date is it today.

오늘은 며칠이에요?

오늘 + 은 + 며칠 + 이에요? — As for today, what date is it?

오늘은 며칠이에요?라고도 자연스럽게 말해요. 은을 붙이면 오늘을 주제로 세워서 '오늘은요'라는 느낌이 나요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
십일월	si-bir-wol, si-bi-wol
이시비릴	i-si-bi-ril
삼시비릴	sam-si-bi-ril
삼월 오일	sam-wol o-il
오늘은 삼월 오일이에요.	o-neul-eun sam-wol o-il-i-e-yo.
유월 육일	yu-wol yu-gil
시월 십일	si-wol si-bil

Self-Check

- 1 Say 며칠이에요 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
일월 / 이월 / 삼월 The Twelve Months of the Year	A1 Vocabulary: compare 일월 / 이월 / 삼월 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-003
지금 / 이따가 / 나중에 Saying Now, In a Bit, and Later	A1 Vocabulary: compare 지금 / 이따가 / 나중에 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-004

My Notes

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