



Korean Ladder Study Note

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Your First Words for Left, Right, and Position

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Travel & Places	왼쪽 / 오른쪽 / 앞 / 뒤 Your First Words for Left, Right, and Position

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3d1h5xt9j4>

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Core Idea

Okay, real story. In Seoul, I asked where the restroom was. Someone smiled, pointed, and said a whole sentence. I caught nothing except the pointing.

그 말 안에 아마 '왼쪽', '오른쪽', '옆' 같은 단어가 있었을 거예요. Those little words were probably left, right, and next to.

So if I learn just those position words, the pointing finally starts to make sense?

맞아요. 오늘은 위치 단어 일곱 개를 배워요. Seven position words: left, right, front, back, up, down, and beside.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	실례합니다. 화장실이 어디에 있어요? —	Excuse me. Where is the restroom?
Hana	저기 편의점 보이세요? 편의점 옆에 있어요. —	Do you see that convenience store? It's next to it.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	편의점 왼쪽이에요? —	On the left of the convenience store?
Hana	아니요, 오른쪽에 있어요. 오른쪽으로 가세요. —	No, it's on the right. Go to the right.
Junho	아, 감사합니다. —	Ah, thank you.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
왼쪽 · 오른쪽 · 앞 · 뒤 · 위 · 아래 · 옆 oenjjok · oreunjjok · ap · dwi · wi · arae · yeop	left · right · front · back · top · bottom · beside	맞아요. 오늘은 위치 단어 일곱 개를 배워요. Seven position words: left, right, front, back, up, down, and beside.
위치 단어 = 명사 wichi daneo = myeongsa	Position words are nouns	이 단어들은 다 명사예요. In Korean, these are nouns, like 'the left side' or 'the front.' That's why they snap onto place words so easily.
왼쪽 oenjjok	left (side)	첫 번째, 왼쪽. 왼쪽 means the left side. The 쪽 part means side.
오른쪽 oreunjjok	right (side)	오른쪽. The right side. 왼쪽, 오른쪽. Both end in 쪽, side.
앞 · 뒤 ap · dwi	front · back (behind)	앞. Front, or in front of. 그리고 뒤. Back, or behind.
위 · 아래 wi · arae	top (on, above) · bottom (under, below)	위. On top, or above. 아래. Under, or below.
옆 yeop	beside, next to	마지막으로 옆. Next to, or beside. 옆 doesn't tell you which side. It just means close by.
은행 앞 eunhaeng ap	bank + front = in front of the bank	Oh, so it's flipped from English. English says 'in front of the bank.' Korean says the bank first, and then the front.



Grammar / Structure Notes

왼쪽 · 오른쪽 · 앞 · 뒤 · 위 · 아래 · 옆

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Seven words to point, place, and follow directions

위치 단어 = 명사

위치 단어 = 명사 — Position words are nouns

Think 'the left side', 'the front', 'the top'

왼쪽

왼쪽 — left (side)

쪽 = side

오른쪽

오른쪽 — right (side)

왼쪽 ↔ 오른쪽

앞 · 뒤

앞 · 뒤 — front · back (behind)

앞. Front, or in front of. 그리고 뒤. Back, or behind.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
[아페]	ape
[여페]	yeope
[왼쪽]	oenjjok
[오른쪽]	oreunjjok

Self-Check

- 1 Say 왼쪽 / 오른쪽 / 앞 / 뒤 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
미용실 / 약국 / 세탁소 / 마트 동네에서 자주 가는 생활 장소	A1 Vocabulary: compare 미용실 / 약국 / 세탁소 / 마트 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-009
버스 / 지하철 / 택시 Your First Words for Getting Around	A1 Vocabulary: compare 버스 / 지하철 / 택시 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-001
승강장 / 개찰구 / 타는 곳 Platforms, Gates, and Where to Board	A1 Vocabulary: compare 승강장 / 개찰구 / 타는 곳 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-003
신호등 / 횡단보도 / 초록불 Crossing Safely with Traffic-Light Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 신호등 / 횡단보도 / 초록불 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-007

My Notes

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