



Korean Ladder Study Note

종점 / 행 / 방면

Reading Destination Boards on Buses and Subways

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Travel & Places	종점 / 행 / 방면 Reading Destination Boards on Buses and Subways

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17EcL4CQHcc>

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Core Idea

I see 종점, 행, and 방면 on Korean bus and subway boards. Do they all mean destination?

좋은 질문이에요. They all help you understand travel direction, but each word gives you different information.

종점은 마지막 정류장이고, 행은 목적지를 향한다는 뜻이고, 방면은 가는 쪽을 보여 줘요. One is the final stop, one is bound for, and one is the direction.

오늘은 목적지 표지판을 읽는 세 단어를 배워 볼게요. These labels help you choose the right bus or train before you get on.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	이 버스, 시청 방면 맞아요? —	Is this bus going toward City Hall?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	네, 시청 쪽으로 가요. —	Yes, it goes toward City Hall.
Hana	종점은 시청이에요? —	Is City Hall the terminus?
Junho	아니요, 종점은 서울역이에요. —	No, the terminus is Seoul Station.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
종점 · 행 · 방면 jongjeom · haeng · bangmyeon	terminus · bound for · toward a direction	오늘은 목적지 표지판을 읽는 세 단어를 배워 볼게요. These labels help you choose the right bus or train before you get on.
종점 jongjeom	terminus; final stop	먼저 종점이에요. 종점은 노선이 끝나는 마지막 정류장이나 마지막 역이에요. In English, it is the terminus or final stop.
행 haeng	bound for	행은 장소 이름 뒤에 붙어요. 서울역행 means a vehicle bound for Seoul Station.
방면 bangmyeon	toward; in the direction of	방면은 어느 쪽으로 가는지 알려 줘요. 시청 방면 means toward City Hall. It tells you the direction of travel.
서울역행 Seoul-yeokhaeng	bound for Seoul Station	표지판에서 서울역행을 보면, 서울역을 향해 가는 차라는 뜻이에요. It is bound for Seoul Station.
서울역 + 행 = 서울역행 Seoul-yeok + haeng = Seoul-yeokhaeng	Seoul Station + bound for = bound for Seoul Station	서울역 is the place name, and 행 adds the meaning bound for. On a board, they are written together as 서울역행.
시청방면 sicheong bangmyeon	toward City Hall	Now compare 시청방면. This means toward City Hall. It tells you which way the bus or train is heading.
시청 방면 = 시청 쪽 sicheong bangmyeon = sicheong jjok	toward City Hall = City Hall side	방면 is close to saying 쪽, meaning side or direction. So 시청 방면 means 시청 쪽, toward City Hall.



Grammar / Structure Notes

종점 · 행 · 방면

종점 · 행 · 방면 — terminus · bound for · toward a direction

Each label answers a slightly different travel question.

종점

종점 — terminus; final stop

This is where the route ends.

행

행 — bound for

It attaches directly after a place name on a destination board.

방면

방면 — toward; in the direction of

Common on subway platforms and route displays.

서울역행

서울역 + 행 — bound for Seoul Station

표지판에서 서울역행을 보면, 서울역을 향해 가는 차라는 뜻이에요. It is bound for Seoul Station.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
시청 방면 맞아요?	sicheong bangmyeon majayo?
방면	bangmyeon

Self-Check

- 1 Say 종점 / 행 / 방면 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
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
입구 / 출구 / 비상구 / 안내데스크 Reading Korean Building Signs	A1 Vocabulary: compare 입구 / 출구 / 비상구 / 안내데스크 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-004
표 / 티켓 / 승차권 Your First Korean Ticket Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 표 / 티켓 / 승차권 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-005

My Notes

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