



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 선생님 / 요리사 / 경찰관 / 간호사

## More First Job Words

| Level                    | Topic                       | Focus                                         |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| A1 · Beginner<br>TOPIK 1 | Vocabulary<br>Work & School | 선생님 / 요리사 / 경찰관 / 간호사<br>More First Job Words |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4WCCkwaF0E>

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## Core Idea

Here's where I get stuck. I can say 의사, 회사원, and 학생, but teacher, cook, police officer, and nurse disappear from my brain.

좋아요. Today we add four useful job words: 선생님, 요리사, 경찰관, 간호사.

And the answer pattern is simple: 저는, a job word, then 예요 or 이에요. In English, it means I am a job.

So if someone asks 무슨 일 해요, I can answer with 저는 plus the job.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean         | Meaning            |
|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| Hana    | 무슨 일 해요?<br>—  | What do you do?    |
| Junho   | 저는 요리사예요.<br>— | I'm a cook / chef. |



| Speaker | Korean                | Meaning               |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Junho   | Hana 씨는 무슨 일 해요?<br>— | Hana, what do you do? |
| Hana    | 저는 선생님이예요.<br>—       | I'm a teacher.        |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                                                                                  | Meaning                                         | Example                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 선생님 · 요리사 ·<br>경찰관 · 간호사<br>seonsaengnim ·<br>yorisa ·<br>gyeongchalguan ·<br>ganhosa | teacher · cook/chef · police<br>officer · nurse | 좋아요. Today we add four useful job<br>words: 선생님, 요리사, 경찰관, 간호사.                                                  |
| 저는 ~예요/이에요<br>jeo-neun ~yeyo/ieyo                                                     | I am a ~                                        | And the answer pattern is simple: 저는, a<br>job word, then 예요 or 이에요. In English, it<br>means I am a job.         |
| 선생님<br>seonsaengnim                                                                   | teacher                                         | Let's hear the first word. 선생님. This<br>means teacher, and it can also be used to<br>address a teacher politely. |
| 요리사<br>yorisa                                                                         | cook / chef                                     | Good. Next: 요리사. This can mean cook or<br>chef, depending on context.                                            |
| 요리사예요<br>yorisa-yeyo                                                                  | More First Job Words                            | 저는 요리사예요. That feels shorter than<br>이에요.                                                                        |
| 경찰관<br>gyeongchalguan                                                                 | police officer                                  | Exactly. Next: 경찰관. Police officer. It is<br>polite and neutral.                                                 |
| 경찰관이에요<br>gyeongchalguan-iey<br>o                                                     | More First Job Words                            | 저는 경찰관이에요. The ending attaches<br>right onto 경찰관.                                                                |
| 간호사<br>ganhosa                                                                        | nurse                                           | Last one today: 간호사. Nurse.                                                                                      |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 선생님 · 요리사 · 경찰관 · 간호사

선생님 · 요리사 · 경찰관 · 간호사 — teacher · cook/chef · police officer · nurse

Common everyday occupation words

### 저는 ~예요/이에요

저는 ~예요/이에요 — I am a ~

Use 예요 after a vowel sound, 이예요 after a consonant sound.

### 무슨 일 해요? → 저는 ~예요/이에요.

무슨 일 해요? → 저는 ~예요/이에요. — What do you do? → I am a ~.

Polite, everyday conversation

### 무슨 일 해요?

무슨 + 일 + 해요? — What do you do? / What kind of work do you do?

맞아요. 무슨 일 해요 means what work do you do, or what is your job. It sounds natural in polite conversation.

### 선생님

선생님 — teacher

Also a respectful way to address a teacher or professional.

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase         | How to practice              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 저는 선생님이예요.     | jeo-neun seonsaengnim-ieyo.  |
| 요리사예요          | yorisa-yeyo                  |
| 경찰관이예요         | gyeongchalgun-ieyo           |
| 요리사예요 / 선생님이예요 | yeyo / ieyo                  |
| 선생님이예요         | jeo-neun seonsaengnim-ieyo.  |
| 저는 요리사예요.      | jeo-neun yorisa-yeyo.        |
| 저는 경찰관이예요.     | jeo-neun gyeongchalgun-ieyo. |
| 저는 간호사예요.      | jeo-neun ganhosa-yeyo.       |

## Self-Check

1 Say 선생님 / 요리사 / 경찰관 / 간호사 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                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 결재 / 품의 / 기안 / 반려<br>The Language of Office Approvals   | B2 Vocabulary: compare 결재 / 품의 / 기안 / 반려 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.  | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-WRK-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-WRK-002</a> |
| 업무 / 보고서 / 협업<br>Advanced Workplace Vocabulary          | C1 Vocabulary: compare 업무 / 보고서 / 협업 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.      | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-WRK-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-WRK-001</a> |
| 이력서 / 지원 / 연봉 / 마감<br>Job-Hunting and Office Vocabulary | B2 Vocabulary: compare 이력서 / 지원 / 연봉 / 마감 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-WRK-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-WRK-001</a> |
| 출근 / 퇴근 / 회의 / 야근<br>Your Daily Office Routine          | B1 Vocabulary: compare 출근 / 퇴근 / 회의 / 야근 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.  | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-WRK-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-WRK-001</a> |

## My Notes

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