



Korean Ladder Study Note

출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴

School Attendance Words for Beginners

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Work & School	출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴 School Attendance Words for Beginners

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Core Idea

Real question. If a teacher says 출석, 결석, 지각, or 조퇴, I know it is attendance, but I mix up which is which.

좋은 질문이에요. These four words are the daily attendance set in Korean school life.

출석 means you are present. 결석 means you are absent. 지각 means you are late. 조퇴 means you leave early.

오늘의 패턴은 noun plus 하다예요. In English, many Korean nouns become verbs with 하다, like 출석하다, to attend.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	오늘 출석했어요? —	Were you present today?
Hana	네, 출석했어요. 그런데 어제는 결석했어요. —	Yes, I was present. But yesterday I was absent.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	왜 결석했어요? —	Why were you absent?
Hana	아팠어요. 그리고 내일은 병원 때문에 조퇴해요. —	I was sick. And tomorrow I am leaving early because of the hospital.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴 chulseok / gyeolseok / jigak / jotoe	present / absent / late / leave early	출석 means you are present. 결석 means you are absent. 지각 means you are late. 조퇴 means you leave early.
출석하다 chulseokhada	to attend; to be present	오늘의 패턴은 noun plus 하다예요. In English, many Korean nouns become verbs with 하다, like 출석하다, to attend.
N + 하다 N + hada	do N; make the noun into a verb	The same pattern works for the others. 결석하다, to be absent. 지각하다, to be late. 조퇴하다, to leave early.
출석 → 출석하다 chulseok → chulseokhada	attendance → to attend	So the noun is the attendance label, and 하다 turns it into the action.
출석 · 결석 chulseok · gyeolseok	School Attendance Words for Beginners	네. 좋아요. Now listen to the sound difference: 출석 and 결석 both end with 석.
지각 · 조퇴 jigak · jotoe	School Attendance Words for Beginners	지각 ends with 각, and 조퇴 has 퇴. 조퇴 can feel new because 퇴 is not common for beginners.
출석했어요 / 결석했어요 / 지각했어요 chulseokhaesseoyo / gyeolseokhaesseoyo / jigakhaesseoyo	was present / was absent / was late	이제 문장으로 볼게요. To report what happened, use 했어요: 출석했어요, 결석했어요, 지각했어요.
출결 chulgyeol	attendance status; attendance record	Here is one useful category word: 출결. It means attendance status, the whole record of present, absent, late, and early leave.



Grammar / Structure Notes

출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴

출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴 — present / absent / late / leave early

Four basic attendance words

출석하다

출석하다 — to attend; to be present

출석 + 하다

N + 하다

N + 하다 — do N; make the noun into a verb

출석하다 · 결석하다 · 지각하다 · 조퇴하다

출석 → 출석하다

출석 → 출석하다 — attendance → to attend

Noun to verb

저는 오늘 출석했어요.

저는 + 오늘 + 출석했어요. — I was present today.

먼저 출석이에요. 출석은 present, being there in class.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
출석, 결석	chulseok · gyeolseok
지각, 조퇴	jigak · jotoe
출석했어요.	chulseokhaesseoyo.
결석했어요.	gyeolseokhaesseoyo.
결석, 지각	gyeolseok ≠ jigak
지각했어요.	jigakhaesseoyo.
오늘 조퇴해요.	oneul jotoehaeyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴 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
선생님 / 요리사 / 경찰관 / 간호사 More First Job Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 선생님 / 요리사 / 경찰관 / 간호사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-002
필통 / 공책 / 지우개 / 가위 Classroom Stationery You Need Every Day	A1 Vocabulary: compare 필통 / 공책 / 지우개 / 가위 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-003
회사 / 사무실 / 회의실 / 휴게실 Your First Words for Workplace Spaces	A1 Vocabulary: compare 회사 / 사무실 / 회의실 / 휴게실 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-004
결재 / 품의 / 기안 / 반려 The Language of Office Approvals	B2 Vocabulary: compare 결재 / 품의 / 기안 / 반려 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-WRK-002

My Notes

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