



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 국어 / 수학 / 영어 / 과학 / 체육

## Your First Korean School Subjects

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| A1 · Beginner<br>TOPIK 1 | Vocabulary<br>Work & School | 국어 / 수학 / 영어 / 과학 / 체육<br>Your First Korean School Subjects |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-007>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSzHxeSRI7Q>

Visit [koreanladder.com](https://www.koreanladder.com) for all free lessons

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## Core Idea

I know 한국어 means Korean, so why might a Korean school schedule say 국어 instead?

좋은 질문이에요. 한국어 is the Korean language, but 국어 is the usual Korean language arts subject in a regular Korean school.

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## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean               | Meaning                                  |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Hana    | 오늘 시간표에 뭐가 있어요?<br>— | What do you have on your schedule today? |



| Speaker | Korean                    | Meaning                              |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Junho   | 수학 있어요. 그리고 과학도 있어요.<br>— | I have math. And I have science too. |
| Hana    | 체육 좋아해요?<br>—             | Do you like P.E.?                    |
| Junho   | 네, 체육 좋아해요.<br>—          | Yes, I like P.E.                     |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                                                                | Meaning                                                | Example                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 국어 · 수학 · 영어 · 과학 · 체육<br>gugeo · suhak · yeongeο · gwahak · cheyuk | Korean language arts · math · English · science · P.E. | 오늘의 핵심은 학교 과목 이름 다섯 개예요. These five words help you read a schedule, ask about homework, and say what class you like.                                                       |
| 국어 · 수학<br>gugeo · suhak                                            | Korean language arts · math                            | 국어는 한국의 일반 학교에서 배우는 언어와 문학 과목이에요. In English, it is Korean language arts. 수학 is math.                                                                                      |
| 영어 · 과학<br>yeongeο · gwahak                                         | English · science                                      | 영어 is English, and 과학 is science. You will see both often on a school schedule.                                                                                            |
| 체육<br>cheyuk                                                        | P.E. · physical education                              | 체육 is physical education, or P.E. It is the class for sports and physical activity.                                                                                        |
| 수학 있어요<br>suhak isseoyo                                             | I have math.                                           | Now let's put a subject into a schedule sentence. 수학 있어요 means "I have math."                                                                                              |
| 수학이 있어요 · 수학 있어요<br>suhagi isseoyo · suhak isseoyo                  | I have math. · I have math.                            | 맞아요. 수학이 있어요 is also correct and a little more complete. In everyday conversation, 수학 있어요 is very common.                                                                  |
| 체육을 좋아해요<br>cheyugeul joahaeyo                                      | I like P.E.                                            | 저는 체육 좋아해요도 일상 대화에서는 자연스러워요. 목적격 조사를 넣어 또렷하게 말하면 '저는 체육을 좋아해요'예요. In Korean, 좋아하다 can take an object marked with 을 or 를; in everyday speech, that marker is often omitted. |
| 국어 숙제<br>gugeo sukje                                                | Korean language arts homework                          | For homework, place the subject before 숙제. 국어 숙제 means Korean language arts homework.                                                                                      |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

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국어 · 수학 · 영어 · 과학 · 체육 — Five first Korean school subject names

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먼저 같이 말해 볼게요. 국어, 수학, 영어, 과학, 체육. These are five very common school subjects.

### 국어 · 수학

국어 · 수학 — Korean language arts · math

국어 is the standard Korean school subject name.

### 영어 · 과학

영어 · 과학 — English · science

영어 is English, and 과학 is science. You will see both often on a school schedule.

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase                 | How to practice                           |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 국어 · 수학 · 영어 · 과학 · 체육 | gugeo · suhak · yeongeο · gwahak · cheyuk |
| 국어, 수학, 영어, 과학, 체육     | gugeo · suhak · yeongeο · gwahak · cheyuk |
| 저는 체육을 좋아해요            | jeoneun cheyugeul joahaeyo.               |
| 체육                     | cheyuk                                    |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 국어 / 수학 / 영어 / 과학 / 체육 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<br>More First Job Words                      | A1 Vocabulary: compare 선생님 / 요리사 / 경찰관 / 간호사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-002</a> |
| 출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴<br>School Attendance Words for Beginners         | A1 Vocabulary: compare 출석 / 결석 / 지각 / 조퇴 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.     | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-005">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-005</a> |
| 칠판 / 분필 / 마커 / 빔프로젝터<br>Classroom Equipment You Point To Every Day | A1 Vocabulary: compare 칠판 / 분필 / 마커 / 빔프로젝터 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.  | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-006">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-006</a> |
| 필통 / 공책 / 지우개 / 가위<br>Classroom Stationery You Need Every Day      | A1 Vocabulary: compare 필통 / 공책 / 지우개 / 가위 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.    | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-003">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-WRK-003</a> |

## My Notes

Your ladder to fluent Korean. This PDF, the website, and the video lessons are free for personal study.