



Korean Ladder Study Note

크리스마스 / 송년회 / 연말 분위기

How Korea Wraps Up the Year

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Culture Holidays	크리스마스 / 송년회 / 연말 분위기 How Korea Wraps Up the Year

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-HOL-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwyGol1O-X4>

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. My Korean friend said Christmas is a couples' holiday? Like a date night, not a family thing?

네, 맞아요. In Korea, 크리스마스 often feels like a night for couples — 커플의 날. Family time comes with other holidays.

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Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	우리 이번 주에 송년회 해요. —	We're having our year-end party this week.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	좋아요. 몇 시에 만나요? —	Great. What time do we meet?
Junho	저녁 일곱 시에 만나요. —	We meet at seven in the evening.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
크리스마스 · 송년회 · 연말 분위기 keuriseumaseu · songnyeonhoe · yeonmal bunwigi	Christmas · year-end party · the year-end mood	오늘은 세 단어를 배워요. 크리스마스, 송년회, 그리고 연말 분위기. Today we learn three words that shape late December in Korea.
연말 분위기 yeonmal bunwigi	the mood at the end of the year	이게 왜 중요할까요? 문화가 다르면 말도 달라요. If the culture is different, the way you talk about it changes too.
커플의 날 keopeur-ui nal	couples' day	여기서 의는 소유를 표시해요. In English, 의 means 'of' — 커플의 날 is 'a day of couples,' a couples' day.
-는 -neun	marks the topic: 'as for ____'	So... 크리스마스는? Christmas is the topic, and then it tells me it's a couples' day. Got it.
송년회 songnyeonhoe	year-end gathering (with coworkers or friends)	송년회는 회사나 친구들과 하는 모임이에요. A 송년회 is a year-end gathering — with coworkers or friends, not a date.
송년회 해요 songnyeonhoe haeyo	(we) have a year-end party	들었어요? 송년회 해요 — we 'do' a year-end party. 하다 goes with 송년회 like a set phrase.
분위기 · 송년회 bunwigi · songnyeonhoe	How Korea Wraps Up the Year	이제 발음 연습해요. 두 단어가 좀 까다로워요. Let's practice two words that trip learners up.
분위기 bunwigi	How Korea Wraps Up the Year	먼저 분위기. 분의 ㄴ이 위로 이어져요. 그래서 부늬기. 부늬기가 아니에요 — 위의 소리를 꼭 살리세요.



Grammar / Structure Notes

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크리스마스 · 송년회 · 연말 분위기 — Christmas · year-end party · the year-end mood

Three words for how Korea closes the year.

연말 분위기

연말 분위기 — the mood at the end of the year

Culture first, then the words.

크리스마스는 커플의 날이에요.

크리스마스 + 는 + 커플 + 의 + 날 + 이에요 — Christmas is a day for couples.

먼저 예문 하나 볼게요. 크리스마스는 커플의 날이에요.

커플의 날

커플 + 의 + 날 — couples' day

여기서 의는 소유를 표시해요. In English, 의 means 'of' — 커플의 날 is 'a day of couples,' a couples' day.

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-는 — marks the topic: 'as for ____'

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Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
분위기 · 송년회	bunwigi · songnyeonghoe
부늬기	bunwigi
송년회	songnyeonghoe
부늬기 · 송년회	bunwigi · songnyeonghoe

Self-Check

- 1 Say 크리스마스 / 송년회 / 연말 분위기 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
빼빼로데이 / 화이트데이 / 밸런타인데이 Korea's Couple and Candy Days	A2 Culture: compare 빼빼로데이 / 화이트데이 / 밸런타인데이 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-HOL-002
생일 / 돌잔치 / 미역국 Korean Birthday Traditions	A2 Culture: compare 생일 / 돌잔치 / 미역국 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-HOL-001
새해 복 많이 받으세요 The Korean New Year Greeting Everyone Uses	A1 Culture: compare 새해 복 많이 받으세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-HOL-001
설날 / 추석 Korea's Two Biggest Holidays	B1 Culture: compare 설날 / 추석 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-HOL-001

My Notes

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