



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 나열의 억양

## Rising Pitch When You List Things

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Pronunciation Intonation	나열의 억양 Rising Pitch When You List Things

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

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## Core Idea

Okay, real talk. When I list things in Korean, I sound like a robot. 사과. 배. 포도. Every word just... drops.

Same. It's like I'm reading a shopping receipt one item at a time. There's no flow.

그게 바로 오늘의 핵심이에요. 한국어에서 나열할 때는 억양이 올라가요. In English — when you list things, the pitch rises on each item.

마지막 단어에서만 억양이 내려가요. Only the final item falls. That falling pitch is the signal — the list is done.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	뭐 살 거예요? —	What are you going to buy?
Hana	사과, 배, 그리고 포도요. —	Apples, pears, and grapes.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	다른 건요? —	Anything else?
Hana	우유하고 빵도요. —	Milk and bread too.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
나열 = 억양 ↑ nayeol = eogyang up	Listing = rising pitch on each item	그게 바로 오늘의 핵심이에요. 한국어에서 나열할 때는 억양이 올라가요. In English — when you list things, the pitch rises on each item.
마지막 = 억양 ↓ majimak = eogyang down	Only the last item falls — it means 'the end'	마지막 단어에서만 억양이 내려가요. Only the final item falls. That falling pitch is the signal — the list is done.
사과, 배, 그리고 포도 sagwa, bae, geurigo podo	an apple, a pear, and a grape	들어 보세요. 사과↗, 배↗, 그리고 포도↘. 앞의 두 개는 올라가고, 마지막만 내려가요.
그리고 geurigo	and (before the final item)	'그리고'는 'and'예요. 마지막 항목 앞에 자주 와요. It often comes right before the last item, and that last item takes the falling pitch.
↗ = 안 끝남 / ↘ = 끝남 an kkeutnam / kkeutnam	up = unfinished, down = finished	맞아요. 올라가면 '아직 안 끝났어요'라는 뜻이에요. Rising means 'not finished yet.' 내려가면 '끝났어요.'
억양이 묶어 줘요 eogyang-i mukkeo jwoyo	The pitch ties the items into one sentence	정확해요. 그래서 로봇처럼 들려요. That's exactly why it sounds robotic. 억양이 문장을 하나로 묶어 줘요.
커피, 차, 그리고 주스 있어요 keopi, cha, geurigo juseu isseoyo	There's coffee, tea, and juice	예문 하나 더 볼게요. 커피, 차, 그리고 주스 있어요. We have coffee, tea, and juice.
커피↗, 차↗, 그리고 주스↘ 있어요 keopi, cha, geurigo juseu	Rising Pitch When You List Things	커피↗, 차↗, 그리고 주스↘ 있어요. 세 번째 단어에서 살짝 내려가죠. The third item eases down.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 나열 = 억양 ↑

나열 = 억양 ↑ — Listing = rising pitch on each item

The list sounds unfinished until the last word

### 마지막 = 억양 ↓

마지막 = 억양 ↓ — Only the last item falls — it means 'the end'

Rise, rise, rise... then fall.

### 사과, 배, 그리고 포도

사과 + , + 배 + , + 그리고 + 포도 — an apple, a pear, and a grape

들어 보세요. 사과↗, 배↗, 그리고 포도↘. 앞의 두 개는 올라가고, 마지막만 내려가요.

### 그리고

그리고 — and (before the final item)

Signals the list is about to close

### ↗ = 안 끝남 / ↘ = 끝남

↗ = 안 끝남 / ↘ = 끝남 — up = unfinished, down = finished

Your voice keeps the door open until the last item

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
커피, 차, 그리고 주스 있어요	keopi, cha, geurigo juseu
커피, 차, 그리고 주스	keopi, cha, geurigo juseu
주스↘	juseu (down)
자연스러워요	jayeonseureowoyo
따라 해 보세요	ttara hae boseyo
책, 펜, 그리고 공책	chaek, pen, geurigo gongchaek
펜↗	pen (up a bit more)
공책↘	gongchaek (down)

## Self-Check

1 Say 나열의 억양 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
부탁과 제안의 억양 Softening Requests with Pitch	A2 Pronunciation: compare 부탁과 제안의 억양 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-INT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-PRON-INT-001</a>
가요 끝을 올리면 질문이 돼요	A1 Pronunciation: compare 가요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-INT-001</a>
억양 Question vs Statement Intonation	B2 Pronunciation: compare 억양 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-INT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-PRON-INT-001</a>
화용적 억양 Sarcasm, Doubt, and Emphasis in Tone	C1 Pronunciation: compare 화용적 억양 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-PRON-INT-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-PRON-INT-001</a>

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