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TOPIK 2 · A2 Elementary

KOR-A2-VG-GRAM-MOD-801

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-는 vs -(으)ㄴ vs -(으)ㄹ

Korean Noun Modifiers | TOPIK 1 Grammar · 토픽 문법

Use this printable study sheet with the Korean Ladder video and web lesson. Climb one clear rung at a time: understand the meaning of -는 vs -(으)ㄴ vs -(으)ㄹ, hear how it sounds in context, then test yourself before moving to the next lesson.

01 · STUDY LINKS

Video, Website, and Path Links

Lesson on Korean Ladder: https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VG-GRAM-MOD-801 — interactive cards, study path position, and progress tracking

Watch the full video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjIa-JlOEI0 — Korean Ladder video lesson (LjIa-JlOEI0)

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02 · CORE EXPLANATION

What to Notice First

1. 안녕하세요, 여러분! Welcome back to Korean Ladder. I'm Sua, and today in TOPIK One grammar at level A2, we are learning how to describe nouns using the modifiers 는, 은, and 을.

2. 안녕하세요, 저는 지호예요. Good to have you with us. Once you know these three endings, you can turn any verb or adjective into a description right before a noun.

3. Here is a question English speakers ask all the time. In English, you say the coffee that I drink, or the movie that I watched yesterday, putting the description after the noun. How do we do that in Korean?

4. In Korean, the order flips completely. We never use words like who, which, or that. Everything that describes the noun goes right in front of it.

03 · KEY KOREAN LINES

Core Pattern & Example Bank

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
"The movie I watched yesterday"	How do you attach a whole clause to a noun in Korean?	Hook
[Description + Ending] → Noun	어제 본 영화 (Yesterday watched movie)	Hook
-는 / -(으)ㄴ / -(으)ㄹ + 명사 `-neun / -(eu)n / -(eu)l + Noun`	Noun-modifying endings for present, past/state, and future	Pattern
어제 읽은 책 / 지금 읽는 책 / 내일 읽을 책 `eoje ilgeun chaek / jigeum ingneun chaek / naeil ilgeul chaek`	book read yesterday / book reading now / book to read tomorrow	Pattern

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Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
제가 자주 가는 식당이에요. Jega jaju ganeun sikdangieyo.	It is a restaurant I go to often.	제가 + 자주 + 가 + 는 + 식당 + 이에요.
어제 본 영화가 재미있었어요. Eoje bon yeonghwaga jaemiisseosseoyo.	The movie I watched yesterday was interesting.	어제 + 보 + ㄴ + 영화 + 가 + 재미있었어요.
내일 만날 친구예요. Naeil mannal chinguyeyo.	This is the friend I will meet tomorrow.	내일 + 만나 + ㄹ + 친구 + 예요.

04 · SPOKEN CONTEXT

Mini Dialogue & Listening Cue

Jiho	수아 씨, 지금 읽는 책이 뭐예요? Sua, what is the book you are reading right now?
Sua	지난주에 친구한테서 받은 소설책이에요. It is a novel I received from a friend last week.
Jiho	재미있어요? 저도 주말에 읽을 책을 찾고 있어요. Is it interesting? I am also looking for a book to read on the weekend.
Sua	네, 아주 재미있는 이야기예요. 다 읽고 빌려줄게요. Yes, it is a very interesting story. I will lend it to you after I finish reading it.

05 · SELF-CHECK

Quick Practice & Answer Key

Prompt: 이 책은 제가 지난주에 도서관에서 ( ) 책이에요.

- A. 빌리는
- B. 빌린
- C. 빌릴

1. Cover the English column above and translate each Korean expression aloud.
2. Write two personal sentences using -는 vs -(으)ㄴ vs -(으)ㄹ (Korean Noun Modifiers | TOPIK 1 Grammar · 토픽 문법).
3. Watch the YouTube video once without pausing, then repeat the key lines with the teachers.

Answer key: B: 이 책은 제가 지난주에 도서관에서 빌린 책이에요. — '지난주에' (last week) requires the past action verb modifier -(으)ㄴ: 빌리다 → 빌린 책.

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06 · NEXT RUNGS

Related / Subsequent Studies

Lesson	Level	Where to study next
-(으)ㄹ 거예요 and -고 있어요 for Plans and Actions — TOPIK I Grammar | Korean Ladder — (으)ㄹ 거예요 and -고 있어요 for Plans and Actions — TOPIK I Grammar | Korean Ladder Vocabulary & Grammar › Grammar › Tense	**A2 · TOPIK 2**	Web lesson · YouTube video · Study PDF
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