



Korean Ladder Study Note

노선도 / 환승 / 급행

Reading the Korean Subway Map

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Vocabulary Travel & Places	노선도 / 환승 / 급행 Reading the Korean Subway Map

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-TRV-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQg8sQA6CxQ>

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk — the Seoul map has a hundred colored lines. How do I even know which train to get on?

좋은 질문이에요. 오늘은 여섯 개의 단어만 알면 돼요. Just six words, and the map opens up.

먼저 '호선'이에요. 호선 means 'line number.' 2호선은 Line 2예요.

'몇 호선이에요?' means 'Which line is it?' 갈아탈 때 이 질문을 많이 해요.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	저기요, 강남역까지 어떻게 가요? —	Excuse me, how do I get to Gangnam Station?
Hana	2호선을 타세요. 급행 말고 일반이요. —	Take Line 2. The local, not the express.
Junho	환승해야 해요? —	Do I have to transfer?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	아니요, 바로 가요. 잠실 방면이에요. —	No, it's direct. Toward Jamsil.
Junho	몇 번 출구로 나가요? —	Which exit do I take?
Hana	11번 출구로 나가세요. —	Go out Exit 11.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
○호선 ○-hoseon	Line number ○	먼저 '호선'이에요. 호선 means 'line number.' 2호선은 Line 2예요.
2호선을 타세요 i-hoseoneul taseyo	Take Line 2.	예문이에요. 2호선을 타세요 — take Line 2.
환승 hwanseung	transfer (to another line)	다음은 '환승'이에요. 환승 means 'transfer' — 다른 호선으로 갈아타는 거예요. In English, it's changing to another line.
환승역에서 갈아타요 hwanseungyeogeseo garatayo	You transfer at the transfer station.	환승역에서 갈아타요. You change trains at the transfer station.
환승 = 갈아타다 hwanseung = garatada	transfer = to change trains	Got it — so 환승 is the moment I switch lines, and I do it at the 환승역.
일반 / 급행 ilban / geuphaeng	local (all stops) / express	이제 열차 종류예요. '일반'은 all-stops, '급행'은 express.
일반 열차는 모든 역에 서요 ilban yeolchaneun modeun yeoge seoyo	The local train stops at every station.	일반 열차는 모든 역에 서요 — the local train stops at every station.
일반 = 모든 역 ilban = modeun yeok	local = every station	So 일반 is the patient one — every single stop.



Grammar / Structure Notes

○호선

○호선 — Line number ○

2호선 = Line 2 (the green loop line)

2호선을 타세요

2호선 + 을 + 타세요 — Take Line 2.

예문이에요. 2호선을 타세요 — take Line 2.

몇 호선이에요?

몇 호선이에요? — Which line is it?

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환승

환승 — transfer (to another line)

환승역 = transfer station

환승역에서 갈아타요

환승역 + 에서 + 갈아타요 — You transfer at the transfer station.

환승역에서 갈아타요. You change trains at the transfer station.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
몇 호선이에요?	myeot hoseonieyo?
환승	hwanseung
3번 출구로 나가세요	sam-beon chulguro nagaseyo
환승역에서 갈아타요	hwanseungyeogeseo garatayo
역에서 → [여게서]	yeogeseo
그팡	geuphaeng → [geupaeng]
급행	[geupaeng]

Self-Check

- 1 Say 노선도 / 환승 / 급행 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
체크인 / 예약 / 빈방 있어요 호텔에서 쓰는 말	A2 Vocabulary: compare 체크인 / 예약 / 빈방 있어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-TRV-001
공항 / 기차역 / 표 Getting Around While Traveling	B1 Vocabulary: compare 공항 / 기차역 / 표 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-TRV-001
버스 / 지하철 / 택시 Your First Words for Getting Around	A1 Vocabulary: compare 버스 / 지하철 / 택시 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TRV-001
출입국 / 비자 / 환승 Airports, Visas, and Layovers	C1 Vocabulary: compare 출입국 / 비자 / 환승 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-TRV-001

My Notes

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