



Korean Ladder Study Note

아르바이트 / 시급 / 면접

Landing a Part-Time Job in Korea

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Culture Business Norms	아르바이트 / 시급 / 면접 Landing a Part-Time Job in Korea

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Core Idea

So here's my problem — I keep hearing '알바' and '아르바이트' and I honestly don't know if they're different jobs.

좋은 질문이에요. They are the same thing. 아르바이트 is the full word, and 알바 is the short, everyday version.

그래서 우리는 이렇게 말해요. '알바 구해요?' means 'Are you looking for a part-time job?'

Okay, so once I find a listing, the first thing I care about is the pay. What's the word for that?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	안녕하세요. 앉으세요. —	Hello. Please have a seat.
Hana	안녕하세요. 잘 부탁드립니다. —	Hello. I look forward to working with you.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	언제부터 일할 수 있어요? —	When can you start working?
Hana	다음 주부터 가능합니다. —	I can start from next week.
Junho	좋아요. 시급은 최저시급이에요. —	Good. The wage is the minimum hourly wage.
Hana	네, 열심히 하겠습니다. —	Yes, I'll work hard.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
아르바이트 → 알바 areubaiteu → alba	part-time job (full form → casual short form)	좋은 질문이에요. They are the same thing. 아르바이트 is the full word, and 알바 is the short, everyday version.
시급 sigeup	hourly wage	그건 시급이에요. 시 means 'hour,' 급 means 'pay,' so 시급 is your hourly wage.
시급이 sigeub-i	the wage (as the subject)	거의 맞아요. You're asking, 'The wage — how much?' Let's look closely at that little 이.
최저시급 choejeo-sigeup	minimum hourly wage	잠깐만요. 한국에는 최저시급이 있어요 — a legal minimum hourly wage that every 알바 must be paid.
이 / 가 = subject i / ga	marks WHO or WHAT does / is asked about	Ah — so 이 is pointing at 시급 as the subject, the thing I'm asking about. It's not the 'as for' topic marker.
구인 guin	hiring / seeking workers	정확해요. Now let's find a real listing. Ads often say 구인 — that's the shop side saying 'we're hiring.'
이력서 iryeokseo	resume / CV	그리고 지원할 때 이력서를 내요. 이력서 is your resume — for 알바 it's usually short and simple.
다음 주부터 가능합니다 daeum ju-buteo ganeunghamnida	I'm available from next week	대답은 간단해요. 다음 주부터 가능합니다 — 'I'm available from next week.' 부터 means 'from / starting.'



Grammar / Structure Notes

아르바이트 → 알바

아르바이트 → 알바 — part-time job (full form → casual short form)

Friends say 알바; forms and ads often print 아르바이트.

알바 구해요?

알바 구해요? — Are you looking for a part-time job?

구하다 = to look for / seek.

시급

시급 — hourly wage

시(hour) + 급(pay). Monthly pay would be 월급.

시급이 얼마예요?

시급 + 이 + 얼마 + 예요 + ? — How much is the hourly wage?

면접에서 이렇게 물어봐요. 시급이 얼마예요? — 'How much is the hourly wage?'

시급이

시급이 — the wage (as the subject)

이 attaches after a consonant; 가 after a vowel.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
시그비 얼마예요	sigeub-i eolma-yeyo?
열씨미 하겠습니다	yeolsimhi hagetseumnida

Self-Check

- 1 Say 아르바이트 / 시급 / 면접 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.

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Lesson	Why study it next	Link
명함 주고받기 Exchanging Business Cards the Korean Way	B2 Culture: compare 명함 주고받기 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-BIZ-002
보고와 결재 상사에게 일을 보고하고 승인받는 방식	C1 Culture: compare 보고와 결재 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CULTURE-BIZ-002
비즈니스 이메일 예절 수신·참조부터 'OOO 드림'까지	B2 Culture: compare 비즈니스 이메일 예절 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-BIZ-001
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