



Korean Ladder Study Note

노래방 문화

Korea's Karaoke Rooms and Song Etiquette

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Culture K-Drama & K-Pop	노래방 문화 Korea's Karaoke Rooms and Song Etiquette

Study Links

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk. In Korea, dinner ends... and then everyone stands up and walks to a 노래방. Wait — the night isn't over?

네, 아직 안 끝났어요. 한국에서 노래방은 저녁의 '2차'예요. In English, it's round two — the place where people really become a team.

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Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	저기요, 네 명인데 방 하나 주세요. —	Excuse me, four of us — one room, please.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	한 시간이에요? 아니면 무제한이에요? —	One hour? Or unlimited time?
Hana	그냥 무제한으로 할게요. —	We'll just do unlimited.
Junho	자, 다음은 브라이언 차례예요. —	Okay, next up is Brian's turn.
Hana	빼지 말고 한 곡 불러요. —	Don't hold back — sing one song.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
노래방 문화 noraebang munhwa	karaoke-room culture	오늘의 주제는 노래방 문화예요. Tonight's topic is karaoke-room culture — how one small room turns coworkers into friends.
노래방 noraebang	a private karaoke room	먼저 단어부터 볼게요. 노래방은 '노래'하고 '방'이에요. 노래 is song, 방 is room. So together, a song room.
분위기 bunwigi	mood, atmosphere, vibe	노래방에 들어가면 제일 중요한 게 있어요. 바로 분위기예요. The most important thing inside is the 분위기 — the mood of the room.
분위기가 좋아요 bunwigiga joayo	the mood is good / the vibe is nice	분위기가 좋으면 모두 행복해요. If the mood is good, everyone is happy. So your job is to help keep it up.
분위기를 살리다 bunwigireul sallida	to liven up the mood	맞아요. 노래를 못해도 괜찮아요. Even if you sing badly, it is completely fine. 분위기를만 살리면 돼요.
무제한 mujehan	unlimited (time)	무제한 — unlimited?! So you can stay all night. That's dangerous.
끝나고 kkeunnago	Korea's Karaoke Rooms and Song Etiquette	좋아요. 끝나고에서 '끝' 발음이 아주 자연스러웠어요. Your 끝 was clean. 한 번만 더 부드럽게.
탬버린을 치다 taembeorineul chida	to play the tambourine	이제 재미있는 규칙이에요. 노래 안 하는 사람은 탬버린을 쳐요. If you're not singing, you're on tambourine duty.



Grammar / Structure Notes

노래방 문화

노래방 문화 — karaoke-room culture

노래 (song) + 방 (room) — a private room you rent by the hour.

노래방

노래방 — a private karaoke room

노래 song + 방 room

회식 끝나고 노래방 가자.

회식 + 끝나고 + 노래방 + 가자 — After the work dinner, let's go to karaoke.

회식이 끝나면 누군가 이렇게 말해요. When the company dinner ends, someone always says this.

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회식 + 끝나고 + 노래방 + 가자 — After the work dinner, let's go to karaoke.

So 회식 is the company dinner, and 가자 is the casual 'let's go.' It's basically 'dinner's done — to the mic!'

분위기

분위기 — mood, atmosphere, vibe

The unspoken energy of the room — everyone protects it together.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
회식 끝나고 노래방 가자.	hoesik kkeunnago noraebang gaja.
끝나고	kkeunnago
빼지 마세요	ppaeji maseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 노래방 문화 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
예능 자막과 리액션 한국 버라이어티 쇼 읽는 법	B1 Culture: compare 예능 자막과 리액션 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-002
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드라마 속 사투리 부산·전라 말투를 알아듣기	C1 Culture: compare 드라마 속 사투리 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-CULTURE-MED-002

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