



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 웹툰

## Reading Korea's Vertical-Scroll Comics

| Level                        | Topic                      | Focus                                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| B1 · Intermediate<br>TOPIK 3 | Culture<br>K-Drama & K-Pop | 웹툰<br>Reading Korea's Vertical-Scroll Comics |

## Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-004>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nahB4d68Y5M>

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## Core Idea

Okay, real question: when I open a Korean webtoon app, I see 연재, 완결, 미리보기... it feels like a secret menu. What do these words actually mean?

좋은 질문이에요. 이 다섯 단어만 알면 웹툰 앱이 완전히 다르게 보여요.

그리고 이 단어들은 그냥 앱 용어가 아니에요. 한국 드라마와 영화가 어디서 오는지도 설명해 줘요.

첫 번째 단어예요. 연재는 이야기를 매주 조금씩 계속 올리는 거예요. In English, it means an ongoing, serialized release.

## Conversation Snapshot

| Speaker | Korean                | Meaning                    |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Junho   | 그 웹툰 완결됐어요?<br>—      | Is that webtoon completed? |
| Hana    | 아니요, 아직 연재 중이에요.<br>— | No, it's still ongoing.    |



| Speaker | Korean                               | Meaning                                                              |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Junho   | 그럼 미리보기로 다음 회 봤어요?<br>—              | Then did you read ahead with the preview?                            |
| Hana    | 네, 미리보기로 봤어요. 근데 완결되면 정주행할 거예요.<br>— | Yes, I read the preview. But when it's done, I'll binge it in order. |

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

| Word                                                                                | Meaning                                                            | Example                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 연재<br>yeonjae                                                                       | ongoing / serialized (updated regularly)                           | 첫 번째 단어예요. 연재는 이야기를 매주 조금씩 계속 올리는 거예요. In English, it means an ongoing, serialized release.                    |
| 이 웹툰은 지금 연재 중이에요<br>i weptun-eun jigeum yeonjae jung-ieyo                           | This webtoon is currently being serialized.                        | 예문으로 볼게요. 이 웹툰은 지금 연재 중이에요.                                                                                    |
| 연재 중<br>yeonjae jung                                                                | in the middle of serialization — still ongoing                     | So 연재 중 is like... 'in the middle of being released.' Still going, catch up while you can.                     |
| 완결<br>wangyeol                                                                      | completed / finished (whole story is done)                         | 반대말이 있어요. 완결은 이야기가 끝난 거예요. In English, it means completed — the whole story is finished.                       |
| 이 작품은 완결이라서 끝까지 볼 수 있어요<br>i jakpum-eun wangyeol-iraseo kkeutkkaji bol su isseoyo   | This series is completed, so you can watch it all the way through. | 예문이에요. 이 작품은 완결이라서 처음부터 끝까지 다 볼 수 있어요.                                                                         |
| 연재 ↔ 완결<br>—                                                                        | ongoing vs. completed                                              | Got it — 연재 means it's still coming, 완결 means the whole thing is there waiting for me. No cliffhanger torture. |
| 정주행<br>jeongjuhaeng                                                                 | binge-read in order (from episode 1)                               | 그 '한 번에 몰아 보기'가 바로 정주행이에요. In English, it's a binge-read from the very first episode.                          |
| 저 어젯밤에 웹툰 한 편을 정주행했어요<br>jeo eojetbam-e weptun han pyeon-eul jeongjuha enghaesseoyo | Last night I binge-read a whole webtoon in order.                  | 예문이에요. 저 어젯밤에 웹툰 한 편을 정주행했어요.                                                                                  |



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 연재

연재 — ongoing / serialized (updated regularly)

still running — new episodes keep coming

### 이 웹툰은 지금 연재 중이에요

이 + 웹툰 + 은 + 지금 + 연재 + 중이에요 — This webtoon is currently being serialized.

예문으로 볼게요. 이 웹툰은 지금 연재 중이에요.

### 연재 중

연재 중 — in the middle of serialization — still ongoing

So 연재 중 is like... 'in the middle of being released.' Still going, catch up while you can.

### 연재 중

연재 중 — still running — the ending isn't out yet

the weekly wait is part of the fun

### 완결

완결 — completed / finished (whole story is done)

opposite of 연재 중

## Pronunciation Loop

| Phrase | How to practice |
|--------|-----------------|
| 정주행    | jeongjuhaeng    |
| 미리보기   | miribogi        |
| 베스트도전  | beseuteudojeon  |

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 웹툰 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                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 노래방 문화<br>Korea's Karaoke Rooms<br>and Song Etiquette | B1 Culture: compare 노래방 문화 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.       | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-003">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-003</a> |
| 예능 자막과 리액션<br>한국 버라이어티 쇼 읽는 법                         | B1 Culture: compare 예능 자막과 리액션 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.   | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-002</a> |
| 최애 / 덕질 / 입덕<br>K-Pop Fandom Vocabulary               | B1 Culture: compare 최애 / 덕질 / 입덕 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer. | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-MED-001</a> |
| K-드라마 단골 대사<br>Phrases You Always Hear<br>in K-Dramas | A2 Culture: compare K-드라마 단골 대사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.  | Open lesson<br><a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-MED-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-MED-001</a> |

## My Notes

Your ladder to fluent Korean. This PDF, the website, and the video lessons are free for personal study.