



FREE LESSON STUDY NOTE · RICH TRANSCRIPT STUDY SHEET

TOPIK Speaking Task 1

Answer with a Reason and an Example | 말하기 · Korean Ladder

Use this printable study sheet with the Korean Ladder video and web lesson. Climb one clear rung at a time: understand the meaning of TOPIK Speaking Task 1, 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-B1-SPK-1-001> — interactive cards, study path position, and progress tracking

Watch the full video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhs4chfeWkM> — Korean Ladder video lesson (dhs4chfeWkM)

Download / share this PDF: <https://www.koreanladder.com/assets/lesson-notes/kor-b1-spk-1-001.pdf> — direct study-note link

Continue this study path: https://www.koreanladder.com/paths.html#korean_ladder_intermediate_speaking — Korean_Ladder_Intermediate_Speaking

02 · CORE EXPLANATION

What to Notice First

1. First, let us look at how Task 1 works in the exam room. 여러분은 화면에서 짧은 질문을 읽고 듣게 됩니다. You get twenty seconds to prepare and thirty seconds to record your response.
2. Here is today's exam prompt. 문제를 잘 듣고 질문이 정확히 무엇을 묻는지 확인해 보세요. Listen closely to both parts of the question.
3. Did you notice that the prompt actually has two parts? 첫 번째는 여가 시간에 주로 무엇을 하는지 묻고 있고, 두 번째는 왜 그것을 좋아하는지 이유와 예를 들어 말하라고 합니다. Missing the example is the number one reason intermediate test-takers lose points here.
4. Before we start the timer, let us give you three quick building blocks you can use during your twenty seconds of preparation. 첫 번째 표현은 습관을 말할 때 쓰는 '주로'입니다. It means mainly or usually.

03 · KEY KOREAN LINES

Core Pattern & Example Bank

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
준비 20초 · 대답 30초	3단계 공식: 핵심 대답 → 이유 → 구체적인 예	Hook
저는 여가 시간에 주로 [활동]을/를 합니다 jeoneun yeoga sigane juro [hwaldongeu/leul] hamnida	In my free time, I mainly do [activity].	Pattern
-기 때문입니다 / -(으)면 기분이 좋아지기 때문입니다 -gi ttaemunimnida	It is because ... / Because I feel better when ...	Pattern

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
예를 들면, 주말마다 [장소]에서 [구체적인 행동]을/를 합니다 yereul deulmyeon, jumalmada [jangso]eseo [guchejeogin haengdongeul/reul] hamnida	For example, every weekend I do [specific action] at [place].	Pattern
저는 여가 시간에 주로 집 근처 공원에서 산책을 합니다. 평일에 공부와 일을 하면서 쌓인 스트레스를 풀고 마음도 편안하게 정리할 수 있기 때문입니다. 예를 들면, 주말 아침마다 음악을 들으면서 공원 산책로를 천천히 걷고 예쁜 풍경 사진도 찍습니다. 이렇게 한 시간쯤 걷고 나면 몸이 가벼워져서 다음 한 주도 활기차게 시작할 수 있습니다.	In my free time, I mainly take walks in the park near my home. That is because I can relieve stress built up from studying and working on weekdays and calmly organize my mind. For example, every weekend morning I walk slowly along the park trail while listening to music and also take photos of pretty scenery. After walking like this for about an hour, my body feels lighter, so I can start the next week energetically.	Model Answer
집 근처 공원에서 산책을 합니다 jip geuncheo gongwoneseo sanchaegeul hamnida	I take a walk at the park near my house.	Pattern
스트레스를 풀고 마음도 편안하게 정리할 수 있기 때문입니다 seuteureseureul pulgo maeumdo pyeonanhage jeongniha su itgi ttaemunimnida	Because I can relieve stress and calmly organize my mind.	Pattern

04 · SPOKEN CONTEXT

Mini Dialogue & Listening Cue

Jiho	저는 여가 시간에 요리를 해요. 요리가 아주 재미있어요. 그리고 맛있는 음식을 먹을 수 있습니다. Weaker answer: Short sentences, mixed speech levels (-해요 / -습니다), no concrete example.
Sua	저는 여가 시간에 주로 집에서 요리를 합니다. 새로운 음식을 만들면서 스트레스를 풀 수 있고 가족들과 함께 나누어 먹을 때 보람을 느끼기 때문입니다. 예를 들면, 주말마다 인터넷에서 요리 영상을 찾아보고 김치찌개나 파스타 같은 음식을 직접 만들어 봅니다. Upgraded Level 3 answer: Consistent formal endings, clear reason with -기 때문입니다, and a concrete weekend example.

05 · SELF-CHECK

Quick Practice & Answer Key

Prompt: When do you use TOPIK Speaking Task 1 in a natural B1 Korean sentence?

- A. Use TOPIK Speaking Task 1 when expressing: Answer with a Reason and an Example | 말하기 · Korean Ladder.
- B. Say the Korean sentence aloud and check the particle/ending attachment.
- C. Model sentence: 준비 20초 · 대답 30초

1. Cover the English column above and translate each Korean expression aloud.

2. Write two personal sentences using TOPIK Speaking Task 1 (Answer with a Reason and an Example | 말하기 · Korean Ladder).

3. Watch the YouTube video once without pausing, then repeat the key lines with the teachers.

Answer key: Core target: TOPIK Speaking Task 1 — Answer with a Reason and an Example | 말하기 · Korean Ladder — Check the meaning, attachment rule, and register before producing your own sentence.

06 · NEXT RUNGS

Related / Subsequent Studies

Lesson	Level	Where to study next
축하드립니다 / 삼가 조의를 표합니다 — Congratulations and Condolences Conversation › Greetings & Basics	B1 · TOPIK 3	Web lesson · YouTube video · Study PDF
관형형 — Why 갈 수 있어 Sounds Like 갈쑤이써 Pronunciation › Linking Sounds	B1 · TOPIK 3	Web lesson · YouTube video · Study PDF
대조·강조 억양 — Stressing the Contrasted Word Pronunciation › Intonation	B1 · TOPIK 3	Web lesson · YouTube video · Study PDF
TOPIK II Writing 53 — Explain a Line Graph of Change Over Time Writing › Question 53	B1 · TOPIK 3	Web lesson · YouTube video · Study PDF

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