



Korean Ladder Study Note

봄 / 여름 / 가을 / 겨울

Seasons and Seasonal Scenery

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Vocabulary Nature & Weather	봄 / 여름 / 가을 / 겨울 Seasons and Seasonal Scenery

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-NAT-001>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

Visit [koreanladder.com](https://www.koreanladder.com) for all free lessons

<https://www.koreanladder.com>

Core Idea

I know 봄 means spring and 겨울 means winter, but I freeze when I try to describe what each season feels like.

좋아요. Korean seasonal speech often pairs a season with scenery, weather, or an activity.

For B1, the goal is to say more than 'it is hot' or 'it is cold.' Describe what appears, what happens, and how it feels.

새싹 is a new sprout. 꽃놀이 is the activity of going out to enjoy flowers, especially cherry blossoms.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	요즘 날씨가 정말 선선하죠? —	The weather is really pleasantly cool these days, right?
Junho	네, 가을이라서 단풍도 조금씩 들고 있어요. —	Yes, because it is autumn, the leaves are gradually changing color.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	주말에는 꽃놀이 대신 단풍 구경을 가면 좋겠어요. —	On the weekend, it would be nice to go see autumn leaves instead of flower-viewing.
Junho	좋아요. 겨울이 오기 전에 가을 풍경을 즐겨야죠. —	Good. We should enjoy the autumn scenery before winter comes.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
계절 + 풍경 / 날씨 / 활동 gyejeol + punggyeong / nalssi / hwaldong	season + scenery / weather / activity	좋아요. Korean seasonal speech often pairs a season with scenery, weather, or an activity.
새싹 · 꽃놀이 saessak · kkon-nori	sprout · flower-viewing	새싹 is a new sprout. 꽃놀이 is the activity of going out to enjoy flowers, especially cherry blossoms.
꽃놀이를 가요 / 꽃놀이하러 가요 kkon-norireul gayo / kkon-norihareo gayo	go flower-viewing / go to enjoy flowers	맞아요. 그리고 꽃을 보러 가는 활동은 꽃놀이를 가요, 또는 꽃놀이하러 가요라고 말해요.
무더위 · 장마 mudeowi · jangma	sweltering heat · rainy season	무더위 is not just heat. It feels heavy, humid, and hard to bear. 장마 is Korea's rainy season.
무더위가 심하다 mudeowiga simhada	the sweltering heat is severe	Exactly. 심하다 often pairs with 무더위, 비, 추위, or 미세먼지 when the condition is strong or severe.
단풍이 들다 · 선선하다 danpungi deulda · seonseonhada	leaves turn color · pleasantly cool	단풍이 들다 means the leaves turn autumn colors. 선선하다 means cool in a pleasant way, not freezing.
첫눈 · 영하 cheonnun · yeongha	first snow · below zero	첫눈 is the first snow of the season. 영하 means below zero Celsius, so 영하로 내려가요 means it drops below freezing.
첫눈이 와요 cheonnuni wayo	The first snow falls	Both can be understood, but 첫눈이 와요 is the everyday, very natural phrase.



Grammar / Structure Notes

계절 + 풍경 / 날씨 / 활동

계절 + 풍경 / 날씨 / 활동 — season + scenery / weather / activity

Build natural descriptions by pairing words.

무엇이 보여요? 무엇이 일어나요? 어떤 느낌이에요?

무엇이 보여요? 무엇이 일어나요? 어떤 느낌이에요? — What do you see? What happens? What does it feel like?

Three useful angles for describing seasons.

봄에는 새싹이 나고 꽃놀이를 가요.

봄 + 에는 + 새싹 + 이 + 나 + 고 + 꽃놀이 + 를 + 가요 + . — In spring, sprouts come out and people go flower-viewing.

First, 봄. 봄에는 새싹이 나고 꽃놀이를 가요. In English, sprouts come out, and people go flower-viewing.

새싹 · 꽃놀이

새싹 · 꽃놀이 — sprout · flower-viewing

봄 collocations

봄에는 새싹이 나요.

봄 + 에는 + 새싹 + 이 + 나요 + . — In spring, sprouts come out.

So I can say, 봄에는 새싹이 나요. In spring, sprouts come out.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
가을에는 단풍이 들어요.	gaeul-eneun danpungi deureoyo.
여름에는 장마가 길어요.	yeoreum-eneun jangmaga gireoyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 봄 / 여름 / 가을 / 겨울 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
강아지 / 고양이 / 새 Your First Korean Animal Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 강아지 / 고양이 / 새 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-NAT-002
기후 변화 / 생태계 / 지속 가능성 Talking About the Environment	C1 Vocabulary: compare 기후 변화 / 생태계 / 지속 가능성 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-VOCAB-NAT-001
미세먼지 / 장마 / 폭염 / 황사 Weather and Environment News	B2 Vocabulary: compare 미세먼지 / 장마 / 폭염 / 황사 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-VOCAB-NAT-001
비 / 눈 / 바람 Talking About the Weather	A2 Vocabulary: compare 비 / 눈 / 바람 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-NAT-001

My Notes

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