



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# 한 시간 동안 / 매일 / 가끔

## Talking About Duration and Frequency

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Vocabulary Time & Date	한 시간 동안 / 매일 / 가끔 Talking About Duration and Frequency

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## Core Idea

여러분, 질문 하나. '한 시간' is 'one hour' — but how do you say 'for an hour'?

Oh, that trips me up. I just say 한 시간 and hope for the best.

Same. And 'every day' versus 'after ten years' — I never know which word to grab.

오늘은 시간 표현 네 개를 배워요. Four time tools today: 동안, 만에, 마다, and frequency adverbs.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	하나 씨, 운동 자주 해요? —	Hana, do you work out often?
Hana	네, 주말마다 한 시간 동안 해요. —	Yes, every weekend I do it for an hour.
Junho	저는 거의 안 해요. 가끔 산책만 해요. —	I almost never do. I just sometimes take a walk.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	그럼 오랜만에 같이 가요. 삼 개월 만이네요. —	Then let's go together for once — it's been three months.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
동안 · 만에 · 마다 dongan · mane · mada	for / after / every	오늘은 시간 표현 네 개를 배워요. Four time tools today: 동안, 만에, 마다, and frequency adverbs.
하나씩 천천히 hanassik cheoncheonhi	one step at a time	하나씩 천천히 갈게요. One step at a time.
동안 dongan	for (a span of time)	먼저 '동안'. First, duration — how long something lasts.
한 시간 동안 공부했어요 han sigan dongan gongbuhasseoyo	I studied for an hour.	한 시간 동안 공부했어요. '동안' marks the whole stretch of time. In English, 'I studied for an hour.'
삼 일 동안 비가 왔어요 sam il dongan biga wasseoyo	It rained for three days.	삼 일 동안 비가 왔어요. It works with days, too — 'It rained for three days.'
방학 동안 banghak dongan	during the vacation	So 동안 is the 'whole time' word. 방학 동안 means 'during the vacation'?
맞아요 majayo	That's right.	맞아요. 완벽해요.
만에 mane	after (a span elapses)	다음은 '만에'. This one is tricky — it means 'after a span passes,' often 'for the first time in.'



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 동안 · 만에 · 마다

동안 · 만에 · 마다 — for / after / every

Plus 자주 · 가끔 · 거의 · 전혀 — how often.

### 하나씩 천천히

하나씩 천천히 — one step at a time

하나씩 천천히 갈게요. One step at a time.

### 동안

동안 — for (a span of time)

Comes after the amount of time.

### 한 시간 동안 공부했어요

한 시간 + 동안 + 공부했어요 — I studied for an hour.

한 시간 동안 공부했어요. '동안' marks the whole stretch of time. In English, 'I studied for an hour.'

### 삼 일 동안 비가 왔어요

삼 일 동안 비가 왔어요 — It rained for three days.

삼 일 동안 비가 왔어요. It works with days, too — 'It rained for three days.'

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
[십년 마네 만나세요]	sip nyeon mane mannasseyo
십 년 만에 만났어요	sip nyeon mane mannasseyo
[십년 마네]	sip nyeon mane
[마네]	mane

## Self-Check

- 1 Say 한 시간 동안 / 매일 / 가끔 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
몇 시예요 시 / 분 / 반으로 시간 말하기	A2 Vocabulary: compare 몇 시예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-TIM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-TIM-001</a>
오늘 / 내일 / 어제 Talking About Days	A1 Vocabulary: compare 오늘 / 내일 / 어제 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-TIM-001</a>
개 / 명 / 마리 / 잔 / 권 Korean Counters for Everything	B1 Vocabulary: compare 개 / 명 / 마리 / 잔 / 권 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-NUM-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-NUM-001</a>
공항 / 기차역 / 표 Getting Around While Traveling	B1 Vocabulary: compare 공항 / 기차역 / 표 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-TRV-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VOCAB-TRV-001</a>

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