



Korean Ladder Study Note

TOPIK II Writing 53

Explain a Line Graph of Change Over Time

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Writing Question 53	TOPIK II Writing 53 Explain a Line Graph of Change Over Time

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-WRT-53-002>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05YM0QZxnmk>

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Core Idea

Now let us plan our paragraph structure before writing a single word. 글을 쓰기 전에 네 문장으로 뼈대를 세워 볼게요. Four clear sentences will land us right around 250 characters.

Why split the graph trend into Sentence 1 and Sentence 2 instead of cramming all four years into one giant sentence? 한 문장에 연도를 네 개나 넣으면 문장이 너무 길어지고 실수하기 쉽거든요.

맞아요. Splitting at the turning point makes your Korean read much more naturally. Sentence 1 covers the initial rise, and Sentence 2 starts with 그러나, however, to show the turn in 2023 and the rebound in 2024.

And remember the golden rule for 53번 and 54번 register. 반드시 문어체 평서형으로 써야 해요. Use plain written forms like 증가하였다, 나타났다, 기 때문이다, and 늘었다. Never use polite endings like 습니다 or 요.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Sua	TOPIK II Writing 53부터 익혀 볼게요. —	Let's start with TOPIK II Writing 53.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Jiho	TOPIK II Writing 53는 Writing에서 자주 나와요. —	TOPIK II Writing 53 appears often in writing lessons.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-았다/었다, -하였다, -(으)ㄴ/는 것으로 나타났다, -기 때문이다 -atda/eotda, -hayetda, -(eu)n/neun geoseuro natanatda, -gi ttaemunida	Formal written narrative endings (문어체)	And remember the golden rule for 53번 and 54번 register. 반드시 문어체 평서형으로 써야 해요. Use plain written forms like 증가하였다, 나타났다, 기 때문이다, and 늘었다. Never use polite endings like 습니다 or 요.
-았다가/었다가 / -하였다가 -atdaga/eotdaga / -hayetdaga	did X and then (shifted to Y)	Now let us build Sentence 2, where the line dips in 2023 and shoots back up in 2024. When an action happens and then shifts into an opposite action, what grammar ending connects the two clauses, Sua?



Grammar / Structure Notes

-았다/었다, -하였다, -(으)ㄴ/는 것으로 나타났다, -기 때문이다

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Do NOT use -습니다/-버니다 or -아/어요 in TOPIK 53 and 54

[조사 기관]에서 [주제]을/를 조사한 결과, A에서 B(으)로 증가하였다.

[조사 기관]에서 [주제]을/를 조사한 결과, A에서 B(으)로 증가하였다. — According to a survey on [topic] by [agency], it increased from A to B.

Attach 에서 to the starting value and (으)로 to the ending value

2021년 120만 건에서 2022년 180만 건으로 크게 증가하였다.

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건 takes 으로 because 건 ends in the consonant 니은

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Sentence 1 complete (79 characters)

-았다가/었다가 / -하였다가

-았다가/었다가 / -하였다가 — did X and then (shifted to Y)

Ideal for a line graph that drops temporarily and then rises again

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
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Self-Check

- 1 Say TOPIK II Writing 53 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
-(으)르까 봐 / -(으)르 텐데 Expressing Worry and Expectation	B1 Grammar: compare -(으)르까 봐 / -(으)르 텐데 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-END-003
-(으)니까 Reason, Discovery, and Why It Isn't 아서/어서	B1 Grammar: compare -(으)니까 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-CON-002
-(으)시- Adding the Honorific Infix to Any Verb	B1 Honorifics: compare -(으)시- with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-HON-SUB-002
-거든 / -잖아 반말 설명하고 상기시키는 casual 말투	B1 Colloquial: compare -거든 / -잖아 반말 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-BAN-002

My Notes

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