



Korean Ladder Study Note

단톡방 / 프사 / 도배

Group-Chat and Messenger Slang

Level	Topic	Focus
B2 · Upper-Intermediate TOPIK 4	Colloquial Texting	단톡방 / 프사 / 도배 Group-Chat and Messenger Slang

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-TXT-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNpbCM_AbJw

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Core Idea

Okay, real talk. In my class group chat, someone dumped like fifteen photos in a row... and a friend wrote 도배하지 마. Is that about wallpaper?

그 질문이 오늘 핵심이에요. We need three words: 단톡방, 프사, and 도배. In English, group chat, profile pic, and chat-flooding.

카톡 단톡방은 빠르고 사람 많아요. Tiny slang keeps the room moving. If you miss these three, the chat feels loud and you feel lost.

첫 번째예요. 단톡방은 단체 카톡 방이에요. In English, a group chat room on KakaoTalk — many people, one room.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어, 프사 바꿨네? —	Oh, you changed your profile pic?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	응, 어제 찍은 거야. —	Yeah, I took it yesterday.
Hana	근데 아까 단톡방에 사진 엄청 올렸잖아. —	But earlier you uploaded a ton of photos in the group chat.
Junho	아, 미안. 도배한 거 같네. —	Ah, sorry. I guess I flooded it.
Hana	다들 바쁠 때라서, 조금만 올려. —	Everyone's busy, so just upload a few.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
단톡방 / 프사 / 도배 dan-tok-bang / peu-sa / do-bae	group chat · profile pic · flooding a chat	그 질문이 오늘 핵심이에요. We need three words: 단톡방, 프사, and 도배. In English, group chat, profile pic, and chat-flooding.
단톡방 슬랭 dan-tok-bang seul-laeng	group-chat slang	카톡 단톡방은 빠르고 사람 많아요. Tiny slang keeps the room moving. If you miss these three, the chat feels loud and you feel lost.
단톡방 dan-tok-bang	group chat (KakaoTalk group room)	첫 번째예요. 단톡방은 단체 카톡 방이에요. In English, a group chat room on KakaoTalk — many people, one room.
단톡방 = 단체 방 dan-tok-bang = dan-che bang	group room, not a one-to-one chat	So 단톡방 is not just 'KakaoTalk' — it's the group room. Like, the whole class thread.
단톡 dan-tok	short for 단톡방	짧게는 단톡이라고도 해요. 단톡에 올렸어. In English, I posted it in the group chat — same idea, shorter.
갠톡 ↔ 단톡방 gaen-tok ↔ dan-tok-bang	DM / 1:1 chat ↔ group chat	반대 개념도 알아 두세요. 갠톡은 개인 카톡이에요. In English, a one-to-one chat — just two people.
프사 peu-sa	profile picture	두 번째 단어예요. 프사. 프사는 프로필 사진이에요. In English, your profile picture — the little photo next to your name.
프사 ≫ 프로필 사진 peu-sa	in chat, the short form wins	Wait — so nobody says the full 프로필 사진 in a fast 단톡방?



Grammar / Structure Notes

단톡방 / 프사 / 도배

단톡방 / 프사 / 도배 — group chat · profile pic · flooding a chat

KakaoTalk everyday slang — not textbook Korean

단톡방 슬랭

단톡방 슬랭 — group-chat slang

short words for a busy thread

단톡방

단톡방 — group chat (KakaoTalk group room)

단체 카톡 방 → 단톡방

우리 단톡방 봐.

우리 + 단톡방 + 봐. — Check our group chat.

예문이에요. 친구한테 이렇게 말해요 — 우리 단톡방 봐. Look at our group chat.

단톡방 = 단체 방

단톡방 = 단체 방 — group room, not a one-to-one chat

many people sharing one thread

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
프사 바꿨어?	peu-sa ba-kkwo-sseo?
프사 잘 나왔다.	peu-sa jal na-wat-da.
도배하지 마.	do-bae-ha-ji ma.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 단톡방 / 프사 / 도배 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
ㅍㅍ / Korean Emoticons and Tone in Text	B2 Colloquial: compare ㅍㅍ / with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-TXT-001
카톡 답장 / 읽씹 / 안읽씹 Texting Culture and Read Receipts	B2 Colloquial: compare 카톡 답장 / 읽씹 / 안읽씹 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-TXT-002
ㄹㅇ / ㅇㄱㄹㅇ / ㄹㅇㅋㅋ Texting 'For Real' in Korean Chat	B1 Colloquial: compare ㄹㅇ / ㅇㄱㄹㅇ / ㄹㅇㅋㅋ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-TXT-003
ㅇㅇ / ㄴㄴ / ㅈㅈ / ㅇㅈ More Korean Chat Shorthand	B1 Colloquial: compare ㅇㅇ / ㄴㄴ / ㅈㅈ / ㅇㅈ with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-TXT-002

My Notes

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