



Korean Ladder Study Note

어린이날 / 어버이날 / 스승의 날

Korea's May Family Holidays

Level	Topic	Focus
B2 · Upper-Intermediate TOPIK 4	Culture Holidays	어린이날 / 어버이날 / 스승의 날 Korea's May Family Holidays

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Core Idea

So here's my honest confusion. I keep hearing 어린이날, 어버이날, 스승의 날 — they all sound the same to me. Are they one big holiday or three different ones?

Same. And I have no idea what you're supposed to give or say on each one. I don't want to show up empty-handed on the wrong day.

좋은 질문이에요. May is called 가정의 달 — the family month. 가정 means home or family, and 달 here means month. So all of May celebrates the people in your life.

And the word that ties them together is 날. 날 just means day. 어린이날, 어버이날, 스승의 날 — each one is a 'day' for someone you should thank.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어린이날에 뭐 했어요? —	What did you do on Children's Day?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	놀이공원에 갔어요. 선물도 받았어요. —	I went to an amusement park. I got presents too.
Junho	선생님, 그동안 가르쳐 주셔서 감사합니다. —	Teacher, thank you for teaching me all this time.
Hana	아니에요. 열심히 해 줘서 내가 더 고마워요. —	Not at all. You worked hard, so I'm even more thankful.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
가정의 달 gajeong-ui dal	the family month (May)	좋은 질문이에요. May is called 가정의 달 — the family month. 가정 means home or family, and 달 here means month. So all of May celebrates the people in your life.
날 nal	day	And the word that ties them together is 날. 날 just means day. 어린이날, 어버이날, 스승의 날 — each one is a 'day' for someone you should thank.
어린이날 eorininal	Children's Day	Let's take them in order. First, 어린이날 — Children's Day. 어린이 means a child, so 어린이날 is literally the children's day.
5월 5일은 어린이날 owol oil-eun eorininal	May 5th is Children's Day	어린이날은 오월 오일이에요. Children's Day is May fifth. Look at the card — 5월 5일은 어린이날.
어버이날 eobeinal	Parents' Day	다음은 어버이날이에요. Next is Parents' Day. 어버이 is a respectful word for parents — both mother and father together.
5월 8일은 어버이날 owol paril-eun eobeinal	May 8th is Parents' Day	어버이날은 오월 팔일이에요. Parents' Day is May eighth. Unlike in the US, Korea has one combined day for mom and dad, not separate ones.
카네이션 kane-isyeon	carnation	맞아요. The flower is 카네이션 — a carnation. Children pin a red 카네이션 on their parents' chest to show love and respect.
낳아주시고 길러주셔서 감사합니다 na-a-jusigo gilleo-jusyeseo gamsahamnida	Thank you for giving birth to me and raising me	And here is the sentence to remember. 낳아주시고 길러주셔서 감사합니다. It means 'thank you for giving birth to me and raising me.' This is what you say to your parents.



Grammar / Structure Notes

가정의 달

가정의 달 — the family month (May)

가정 = home/family · 달 = month

날

날 — day

appended to who the day honors

어린이날

어린이날 — Children's Day

어린이 (child) + 날 (day)

5월 5일은 어린이날

5월 + 5일 + 은 + 어린이날 — May 5th is Children's Day

어린이날은 오월 오일이에요. Children's Day is May fifth. Look at the card — 5월 5일은 어린이날.

어버이날

어버이날 — Parents' Day

어버이 = parents (respectful) · one day for both

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
남아주시고 길러주셔서 감사합니다	na-a-jusigo gilleo-jusyeseo gamsahamnida
남아주시고	na-a-jusigo
완벽해요	wanbyeokhaeyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 어린이날 / 어버이날 / 스승의 날 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
새해 복 많이 받으세요 The Korean New Year Greeting Everyone Uses	A1 Culture: compare 새해 복 많이 받으세요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-CULTURE-HOL-001
생일 / 돌잔치 / 미역국 Korean Birthday Traditions	A2 Culture: compare 생일 / 돌잔치 / 미역국 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-CULTURE-HOL-001
설날 / 추석 Korea's Two Biggest Holidays	B1 Culture: compare 설날 / 추석 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-CULTURE-HOL-001
경조사 예절 결혼식·장례식 봉투와 조의금	B2 Culture: compare 경조사 예절 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-CULTURE-ETQ-001

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