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**NCEA Level 2 Korean Revised Vocabulary List 2025**

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Updated NCEA Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Vocabulary Lists for Asian and European languages were published on the NCEA Education website in December 2024.

Below is the revised Level 2 Korean Vocabulary List that should be used with students in 2025 (and thereafter).

The Vocabulary List supports teaching and learning and helps teachers understand the language appropriate at Curriculum Level 7. Language drawn from this Vocabulary List is used to create external assessments and may be used to support teachers when preparing students for internal assessments.

The vocabulary lists belong to the Ministry of Education. The list in this document has been **formatted by NZALT** to make it easier for teachers to print and photocopy for students. NZALT has provided two versions:

1. A PDF that can be printed and photocopied for students.
2. A Word document for teachers who would like to do further formatting.

This version of the vocabulary list is arranged **alphabetically (Korean to English)**.

Other configurations of this list (eg. English to Korean; by category) can be found online [here](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/learning-languages/korean?view=teaching).

Alternatively, you can navigate to the revised vocabulary lists by following this pathway:   
ncea.education.govt.nz > New Zealand Curriculum > Learning Languages: Korean > Teaching

Teachers are advised to read the Introduction to the vocabulary lists (online, as above), as these contain useful context for teaching and learning, and for internal and external assessments (including the notes below).

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| **Notes to teachers** |
| In addition to the listed vocabulary, students are also expected to be able to recognise: |
| ● items from relevant L1 Korean Vocabulary List |
| ● where a noun, adverb, or adjective can easily be constructed from the verb or vice versa |
| ● obvious loan words (레시피, 에어컨, 히터 etc) |
| ● Korean words that are in common usage in English (이모티콘, 김치, 드라마 etc) |
| ● particles |
| ● conjugation of adjectives and verbs. |

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| **Korean** | **English** |
| 지나가다 | to go through |
| 통과하다 | to pass |
| 가격 | price |
| 가득 | full |
| 가렵다 | to be itchy |
| 가슴 | chest |
| 간장 | soy sauce |
| 간호사 | nurse |
| 감상하다 | to enjoy, to appreciate |
| 건물 | building |
| 검색 | to search (online) |
| 견학 | field trip |
| 결과 | outcome, result |
| 결석하다 | to be absent (from school) |
| 결혼 | marriage |
| 결혼식 | wedding ceremony |
| 경기 | match |
| 계단 | staircase |
| 계속 | continuously |
| 고추장 | Korean chilli paste |
| 고춧가루 | Korean chilli flakes |
| 고치다 | to fix |
| 관광 | tour |
| 관심 | interest |
| 교과서 | textbook |
| 교육 | education |
| 굽다 | to roast, to grill, to bake, to barbeque |
| 국립 | national |
| 규칙 | regulation |
| 그러나 | however |
| 급식 | school lunch |
| 기대하다 | to look forward to |
| 기쁘다 | to be glad, happy, delighted |
| 기사 | article |
| 기숙사 | boarding house |
| 기술 | Technology (school subject) |
| 기자 | journalist |
| 기침하다 | to cough |
| 끄다 | to switch off, to turn off |
| 끓이다 | to boil |
| 낫다 | to heal, to get well |
| 내려가다 | to go down, to drop |
| 내다 | to pay, to put out |
| 냄새 | scent, smell |
| 냄새가 나다 | to smell (scent from something) |
| 넣다 | to put something in, to insert |
| 노력 | effort |
| 놀랍다 | to be surprising, amazing |
| 늙다 | to be old, age |
| 다치다 | to get injured |
| 다행이다 | to be fortunate |
| 당근 | carrot |
| 당황하다 | to be embarrassed, to be flustered, to be taken aback |
| 대 | to, versus |
| 대답하다 | to answer |
| 대부분 | most, mostly |
| 대체로 | generally |
| 댓글 | reply |
| 던지다 | to throw |
| 데리고 가다 | to take (someone) |
| 데리고 오다 | to bring (someone) |
| 도움 | help, assistantance |
| 도와주다 | to help |
| 된장 | soybean paste |
| 독서 | reading |
| 드라마 | drama (television drama) |
| 드리다 | to give (honorific) |
| 등 | back |
| 따르다 | to follow, to act on, to obey |
| 떨어지다 | to fall |
| 똑같다 | to be same, identical |
| 뜨겁다 | to be hot, burning (to the touch, in temperature) |
| 레시피 | recipe |
| 마늘 | garlic |
| 많다 | to be a lot, many |
| 말씀 | word (honorific) |
| 맛을 보다 | to taste, have a taste |
| 맞다 | to be correct, right |
| 매점 | canteen |
| 모양 | shape |
| 몸 | body |
| 무대 | stage |
| 무승부 | draw (in a match) |
| 문제 | problem |
| 물건 | thing, stuff, object |
| 물론 | of course |
| 물리 | Physics (school subject) |
| 바로 | straight, upright |
| 반 | half |
| 반드시 | surely, certainly |
| 반려동물 | pet |
| 밝다 | to be bright, to be light |
| 뱀 | snake |
| 벽돌 | brick |
| 보내다 | to send |
| 복습 | revision |
| 볶다 | to stir fry |
| 부끄럽다 | to be embarrassed |
| 부러지다 | to be broken |
| 부모님 | parent |
| 부상 | injury |
| 부상을 당하다 | to be injured, get injured |
| 부탁하다 | to request, ask |
| 붓다 | to swell up, to puff up |
| 비기다 | to draw |
| 비슷하다 | to be similar |
| 빌리다 | to borrow |
| 빌려주다 | to lend |
| 빨리 | quickly |
| 사립 | private |
| 사무실 | office |
| 사복 | mufti |
| 사촌 | cousin |
| 삼촌 | uncle |
| 생각하다 | to think |
| 생강 | ginger |
| 생물 | Biology (school subject) |
| 섞다 | to mix |
| 선택하다 | to choose, to select |
| 성인 | adult |
| 성적 | grade, mark, record |
| 성적표 | report (school) |
| 세면도구 | toiletries |
| 수학여행 | school trip |
| 숙소 | accommodation |
| 슬프다 | to be sad |
| 시험에 떨어지다 | to fail an examination |
| 시험에 통과하다 | to pass an examination |
| 시험을 보다 | to sit an examination |
| 식사 | meal |
| 식용유 | cooking oil |
| 신기하다 | to be surprised, to be mysterious |
| 신나다 | to be excited |
| 쌀 | uncooked rice |
| 썰다 | to cut, to chop, to slice |
| 아기 | baby |
| 안과 | eye doctor |
| 안전하다 | to be safe |
| 앞으로 | from now on, in the future |
| 양식 | western-style food or meal |
| 양파 | onion |
| 어둡다 | to be dark, dim |
| 어른스럽다 | to be mature |
| 엄격하다 | to be strict |
| 없어지다 | to disappear |
| 에어컨 | air-conditioning |
| 여권 | passport |
| 예를 들다 | to give an example |
| 열이 나다 | to have a fever |
| 열쇠 | key |
| 예약 | reservation |
| 올라가다 | to go up, to rise |
| 외국 | foreign country |
| 요금 | fee |
| 용 | dragon |
| 우산 | umbrella |
| 운동회 | sports day |
| 원숭이 | monkey |
| 웃다 | to laugh, to smile |
| 유치원 | kindergarten |
| 유학생 | overseas student |
| 응원하다 | to support, to cheer |
| 의견 | opinion |
| 이기다 | to win |
| 이모 | aunt |
| 이웃 | neighbour |
| 인기있다 | to be popular |
| 인사하다 | to greet |
| 입구 | entrance |
| 입학 시험 | entrance examination |
| 입학식 | welcoming ceremony at school |
| 입학하다 | to enrol (in school) |
| 자유 시간 | free time |
| 작문 | essay |
| 잔 | glass |
| 잔돈, 거스름돈 | change (money) |
| 잔디를 깎다 | to mow the lawn |
| 잔디밭 | lawn |
| 잠그다 | to lock |
| 장례식 | funeral |
| 젖다 | to get wet |
| 적다 | to be few, little |
| 전기 | electricity, light |
| 전자레인지 | microwave oven |
| 전통적 | traditional |
| 전하다 | to tell, to convey, to report |
| 젊다 | to be young |
| 정리하다 | to tidy up |
| 정보 | information |
| 정하다 | to decide on |
| 조정 | rowing |
| 졸업하다 | to graduate |
| 졸업식 | graduation ceremony |
| 주문하다 | to order |
| 주변 | surrounding, around |
| 주중 | weekdays |
| 주인 | owner |
| 죽다 | to die |
| 준비하다 | to prepare |
| 쥐 | mouse |
| 즐기다 | to enjoy, to have fun |
| 지각하다 | to be late (to school or work) |
| 지갑 | wallet |
| 지다 | to lose |
| 지붕 | roof |
| 지키다 | to guard, to protect, to preserve, to follow |
| 진찰하다 | to examine, check up (at the doctor) |
| 질문하다 | to ask a question |
| 짐 | luggage |
| 집안일 | housework |
| 차갑다 | to be cold (to the touch, in temperature) |
| 참기름 | sesame oil |
| 찾다 | to look for |
| 챙기다 | to pack, to take |
| 처방전 | prescription |
| 처음 | beginning, start |
| 처음으로 | for the first time |
| 천천히 | slowly |
| 최근 | recently, nowadays |
| 축제 | festival |
| 출구 | exit |
| 충전기 | charger |
| 치과 | dentist |
| 코피 | nosebleed |
| 콧물이 나다 | to have a runny nose |
| 틀리다 | to be incorrect, to make a mistake |
| 특별하다 | to be special |
| 파 | spring onion |
| 평일 | weekday |
| 포함하다 | to include |
| 피우다 | to smoke |
| 하루 종일 | all day long |
| 학기 | school term |
| 한국식 | Korean-style |
| 한식 | Korean-style food or meal |
| 할인 | discount |
| 화나다 | to get angry, get mad |
| 화학 | Chemistry (school subject) |
| 환승 | transfer |
| 허리 | waist |
| 호랑이 | tiger |
| 효율적이다 | to be efficient |
| 훌륭하다 | to be excellent, great, superb, magnificent |
| 휴식하다 | to rest, take a break |
| 히터 | heater |