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**NCEA Level 3 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 3 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 8. 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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| At Level 3, candidates may also be expected to make informed guesses about unfamiliar words in external assessment texts using context and prior knowledge. |
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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 and L2 Korean Vocabulary Lists |
| ● where a noun, adverb, or adjective can easily be constructed from the verb or vice versa |
| ● obvious loan words（크리스마스, 크리켓, 럭비, 슬리퍼, 피크닉, 네트볼 etc） |
| ● Korean words that are in common usage in English（애니메이션, 이모티콘, 김치 etc） |
| ● particles. |

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| **Korean** | **English** | **Vocabulary classes** |
| 감독 | director | noun |
| 감동(하다) | to be moved, to be touched | noun, verb |
| 건축가 | architect | noun |
| 게으르다 | lazy | adjective |
| 경비 | expense, cost | noun |
| 경제 | economy | noun |
| 경제적 | economical | adjective |
| 경찰관 | police officer | noun |
| 계획(을 세우다) | plan, to make a plan | noun, verb |
| 곤란하다 | to be at a loss, to be in trouble | adjective |
| 공업 | industry, manufacturing | noun |
| 공장 | factory | noun |
| 관계 | connection, relation | noun |
| 관광객 | tourist | noun |
| 관광지 | sightseeing area | noun |
| 관습 | custom, practice | noun |
| 광고(하다) | advertisement, to advertise | noun, verb |
| 교사 | teacher | noun |
| 교통체증 | traffic jam | noun |
| 국내 | domestic | noun |
| 국민 | nation, people, public | noun |
| 국제 | international | noun |
| 그냥 | as is, just | adverb |
| 금융 | finance | noun |
| 급여 | pay | noun |
| 기념(하다) | commemoration, to commemorate | noun, verb |
| 기념품 | souvenir | noun |
| 기술자 | engineer | noun |
| 기억(하다) | memory, recollection | noun, verb |
| 기온 | temperature | noun |
| 꿈 | dream | noun |
| 내성적 | introverted, reserved | adjective |
| 노인 | senior citizen | noun |
| 농부 | farmer | noun |
| 농업 | agriculture, farming | noun |
| 느끼다 | to feel | verb |
| 늘다 | to increase | verb |
| 답장(하다) | response, to reply | noun, verb |
| 대사(관) | ambassador (embassy) | noun |
| 대중교통 | public transport | noun |
| 대통령 | president | noun |
| 더 | more | adverb |
| 돌보다 | to take care of | verb |
| 동영상 | video | noun |
| 되도록 | as much as possible | adverb |
| 드물다 | rare, unusual | adjective |
| 모으다 | to gather, to collect, to save | verb |
| 무역 | trade | noun |
| 미래 | future | noun |
| 미술관 | art gallery | noun |
| 믿다 | to believe | verb |
| 박물관 | museum | noun |
| 발전(하다) | development, growth, to develop | noun, verb |
| 방향 | direction, way | noun |
| 버리다 | to throw out | verb |
| 변하다 | to change | verb |
| 부족하다 | insufficient, inadequate | adjective |
| 부지런하다 | diligent, industrious | adjective |
| 분실물 | something lost or left behind | noun |
| 비교(하다) | to compare | noun, verb |
| 사실 | actually | noun |
| 사업 | business, enterprise | noun |
| 산업 | industry | noun |
| 상업 | commerce, business | noun |
| 생활(하다) | lifestyle, to make a living | noun, verb |
| 서두르다 | to hurry, to rush | verb |
| 선수 | athlete, player | noun |
| 섬 | island | noun |
| 성실하다 | serious, earnest, diligent | adjective |
| 세계 | world | noun |
| 세금 | tax | noun |
| 세우다 | to build | verb |
| 솔직하다 | honest, frank | adjective |
| 수능 시험 | Korean national university entrance exam | noun |
| 수입 | income | noun |
| 습관 | habit | noun |
| 시민 | citizen | noun |
| 시위 | protest | noun |
| 시청자 | viewer, audience | noun |
| 실례(하다) | impoliteness, rudeness, to excuse | noun, verb |
| 실용적 | practical | adjective |
| 실패(하다) | failure, to fail | noun, verb |
| 심하다 | severe, harsh | adjective |
| 아르바이트(를 하다) | casual work, to work on a casual basis | noun, verb |
| 안내(하다) | guide, to guide | noun, verb |
| 약속(하다) | promise, to promise | noun, verb |
| 언덕 | slope, hill | noun |
| 연구원 | researcher | noun |
| 영향 | influence | noun |
| 예능 프로그램 | entertainment television programme | noun |
| 예의 | manners, etiquette, courtesy, politeness | noun |
| 옛날 | (in) ancient times | noun |
| 온천 | hot spring | noun |
| 왕복 | return | noun |
| 외롭다 | to be lonely | adjective |
| 외향적 | extroverted, outgoing | adjective |
| 요리사 | cook, chef | noun |
| 우선 | first of all, above all | adverb |
| 의미 | meaning | noun |
| 일기 예보 | weather forecast | noun |
| 잃어버리다 | to lose something | verb |
| 잊어버리다 | to forget something | verb |
| 자연 | nature | noun |
| 자원 | resources | noun |
| 작가 | writer | noun |
| 작곡 | composition, making music | noun |
| 작사 | to write lyrics (for songs) | noun |
| 장래 희망 | future dream job | noun |
| 장마 | rainy season | noun |
| 저렴하다 | cheap, inexpensive | adjective |
| 적당하다 | suitable, appropriate | adjective |
| 전자 제품 | electrical appliances | noun |
| 전쟁 | war | noun |
| 정부 | government | noun |
| 정비사 | mechanic | noun |
| 주소 | address | noun |
| 정치 | politics | noun |
| 줄다 | to decrease, to drop | verb |
| 줍다 | to pick up | verb |
| 중간, 중심 | middle, centre | noun |
| 지방 | region | noun |
| 직업 | job, work, occupation | noun |
| 직장인 | office worker | noun |
| 정확하다 | accurate, correct, precise | adjective |
| 지역 | area, region, zone | noun |
| 지출 | expense, spending | noun |
| 지하 | underground, basement | noun |
| 책임 | responsibility | noun |
| 촬영(하다) | shooting, filming, to shoot (film) | noun, verb |
| 최고 | the best | noun |
| 추억 | fond memory, recollection | noun |
| 충분하다 | enough, sufficient | noun, verb |
| 태풍 | typhoon | noun |
| 털 | fur, hair | noun |
| 퇴직(하다) | retirement, to retire | noun, verb |
| 편도 | one way | noun |
| 편안하다 | relaxed, comfortable | adjective |
| 편집(하다) | editing, to edit | noun, verb |
| 풍부하다 | plentiful, ample | adjective |
| 합리적 | rational, reasonable, logical | adjective |
| 항구 | harbour, port | noun |
| 해외 | overseas country | noun |
| 화산 | volcano | noun |
| 확인(하다) | to check, to examine, to research, research | noun, verb |
| 활발하다 | animated, lively | adjective |
| 회계사 | accountant | noun |
| 회사원 | company worker | noun |
| 휴게소 | rest area, service area | noun |
| ~등등 | etc., and so on |  |