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.

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).

At Level 3, candidates may also be expected to make informed guesses about unfamiliar words in external assessment texts using context and prior knowledge.
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.

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	