

Lesson 15: 요일

In this lesson, you will learn the days of the week in Korean and how to ask and answer "What day is it?", "What day is it today?", and "What day is it tomorrow?".

KEY INFORMATION

요일 [yo-il] = day

오늘 [o-neul] = today

내일 [nae-il] = tomorrow

이에요 [i-e-yo] = ending meaning 'equal to'

Days Of The Week

Korean	English
월요일 [wo-ryo-il]	Monday
화요일 [hwa-yo-il]	Tuesday
수요일 [su-yo-il]	Wednesday
목요일 [mo-gyo-il]	Thursday
금요일 [geu-myoo-il]	Friday
토요일 [to-yo-il]	Saturday
일요일 [i-ryo-il]	Sunday

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“What Day Is It?” In Korean

“What Day Is It?” In Korean is 무슨 요일이에요? [**mu-seun yo-i-ri-e-yo**]. In this expression, 무슨 means ‘what/what kind of’, 요일 means ‘day’, and 이에요 is an ending which means ‘equal to’. If you want to say “What day is it today?” or “What day is it tomorrow?”, you simply add the word for today (오늘) or tomorrow (내일) at the start of the sentence.

무슨 요일이에요? [**mu-seun yo-i-ri-e-yo**] = *What day is it?*

오늘 무슨 요일이에요? [**o-neul mu-seun yo-i-ri-e-yo**] = *What day is it today?*

내일 무슨 요일이에요? [**nae-il mu-seun yo-i-ri-e-yo**] = *What day is it tomorrow?*

How To Answer

To answer this question, you simply say the day of the week followed by the ending 이에요. Here are some examples:

월요일이에요 [**wo-ryo-i-ri-e-yo**] = *It's Monday.*

오늘 월요일이에요 [**o-neul wo-ryo-i-ri-e-yo**] = *Today is Monday.*

내일 월요일이에요 [**nae-il wo-ryo-i-ri-e-yo**] = *Tomorrow is Monday.*

If you remember from lesson 1, 예요/이에요 is an ending that means ‘equal to’ and you should choose either 예요 or 이에요 based on whether the preceding word ends in a consonant or a vowel. As you can see in the table above, all the days of the week in Korean end in 요일 and so 이에요 is attached because 요일 ends in a consonant.