

Lesson 3 - Colors

For this lesson, we will be introducing you to Korean colors. Saying colors in Korean is slightly different than in English, and we will explain to you and show you how to use them properly in daily conversation.

Listening practice: Colors in this lesson

 (track 3-1)

 Track 3-1



a. 빨간색
red



b. 주황색
orange



c. 노란색
yellow



d. 초록색
green



e. 파란색
blue



f. 보라색
purple



g. 검정색
black



h. 하얀색
white



i. 갈색
brown



j. 분홍색
pink



k. 회색
gray



l. 금색
gold



m. 은색
silver



n. 밤색
dark brown



o. 하늘색
sky blue



p. 남색
navy blue

a. 빨간색	red
b. 주황색	orange

c. 노란색	yellow
d. 초록색	green
e. 파란색	blue
f. 보라색	purple
g. 검정색	black
h. 하얀색	white
i. 갈색	brown
j. 분홍색	pink
k. 회색	gray
l. 금색	gold
m. 은색	silver
n. 짙은 갈색	dark brown

Using Colors as a Noun or Adjective

In English, when we refer to colors, we use the same form for all situations. For example:

I like the color blue.

Look at the blue flower.

The big bus is blue.

There is nothing added or taken away from the word blue itself. However, in Korean, it can be very different.

For starters, if you are just referring to a color in name only, you will add 색 to the end of it. As you saw in the listening example above, all words had this attached to them as we were just referencing the color as a noun with no context. It comes from the word 색깔 which means color.

If you want to use the color as an adjective for the colors red, blue, yellow, white, and black, you would drop the 색 and use another form which we will explain more in detail below.



There is a LOT to learn about colors. So much that it could be its own mini ebook. But for now, we will just be showing you the basic colors and basic knowledge of how to use them.

Let's start!



빨간색

This is the noun form of the color red. So, if you just wanted to refer to the color itself, you would use this form. So just using the form 빨간색 would mean "the color red". 색 acts as a noun modifier.

Here is an example of how you could use it in a sentence. (You can apply this to all colors by just replacing red with another color.)

🔊 (track 3-2)

빨간색 좋아해요. (I like the color red.)

빨간

As you can see here, this adjective form uses the base color word that you saw in the first example. 색 is not needed here as we are now not using the color as a noun, but as an adjective. So how would we use this to describe things? Let's take a look at some things that could be red:

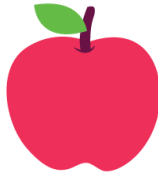
🔊 (track 3-3)



Things that are red

Track 3-3

a.



빨간 사과
the red
apple

b.



빨간 토마토
the red
tomato

c.



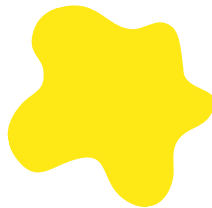
빨간 트럭
the red
truck

a. 빨간 사과 (The red apple)

b. 빨간 토마토 (The red tomato)

c. 빨간 트럭 (The red truck)

To put it simply, we just add this in front of whatever it is we are describing. Also note that adding 색 (빨간색 사과) is still acceptable as they mean the same thing, however, using the form in the example above is considered grammatically correct. Now that we've explained the basics, let's take a look at the other colors in the infographic.



노란색

This is the noun form for the color yellow. It means "the color yellow".

노란

This is the adjective form that you would use to describe something that is yellow.
Here are some things that are yellow:

 (track 3-4)

Things that are yellow

 Track 3-4

a.



노란 바나나
the yellow
banana

b.



노란 택시
the yellow
taxi

c.



노란 표지판
the yellow
sign

a. 노란 바나나 (The yellow banana)

b. 노란 택시 (The yellow taxi)

c. 노란 표지판 (The yellow sign)



파란색


This is the noun form for the color blue. It means "the color blue".


파란


This is the adjective form that you would use to describe something that is blue. Here are some things that are blue:

🔊 (track 3-5)

Things that are blue 🔊 Track 3-5

a. 
파란 바다
the blue
sea

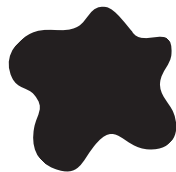
b. 
파란 테이블
the blue
table

c. 
파란 의자
the blue
chair

a. 파란 바다 (The blue sea)

b. 파란 테이블 (The blue table)

c. 파란 의자 (The blue chair)






검은색

This is the noun form for the color black. It means “the color black”. Sometimes the Konglish word “블랙” or in the earlier audio, 검정색 can also be used.

검은

This is the adjective form that you would use to describe something that is black. Here are some things that are black:

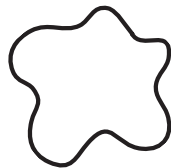
🔊 (track 3-6)

Things that are black		🔊 Track 3-6
a.		b.
		c.
		
검은 가방 the black bag	검은 넥타이 the black necktie	검은 모자 the black hat

a. 검은 가방 (The black bag)

b. 검은 넥타이 (The black necktie)

c. 검은 모자 (The black hat)



하얀색




This is the noun form for the color black. It means “the color white”.

하얀

This is the adjective form that you would use to describe something that is white. Here are some things that are white:

🔊 (track 3-7)

Things that are white 🔊 Track 3-7

a.	b.	c.
		
하얀 구름 the white cloud	하얀 접시 the white dish	하얀 차 the white car

a. 하얀 구름 (The white cloud)

b. 하얀 접시 (The white dish)

c. 하얀 차 (The white car)




For the rest of the colors below, ‘색’ cannot be dropped when describing something that has that color.



주황색

This is the noun form for the color orange. It means "the color orange". Sometimes, the Konglish word 오렌지 is also used. Here are some things that are orange:

🔊 (track 3-8)

Things that are orange		🔊 Track 3-8			
a.		b.		c.	
주황색 당근 the orange carrot		주황색 호박 the orange pumpkin		주황색 나비 the orange butterfly	

a. 주황색 당근 (The orange carrot)

b. 주황색 호박 (The orange pumpkin)

c. 주황색 나비 (The orange butterfly)





초록색

This is the noun form for the color green. It means "the color green". Here are some things that are green:


 (track 3-9)

Things that are green


 Track 3-9

a. 

초록색 오이
the green
cucumber

b. 

초록색 나무
the green
tree

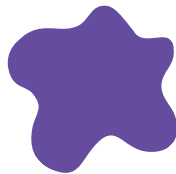
c. 

초록색 개고리
the green
frog

a. 초록색 오이 (The green cucumber)

b. 초록색 나무 (The green tree)

c. 초록색 개구리 (The green frog)



보라색

This is the noun form for the color purple. It means “the color purple”. Here are some things that are purple:

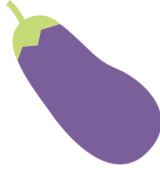
 (track 3-10)



Things that are purple

Track 3-10

a.



보라색 가지
the purple
eggplant

b.



보라색 꽃
the purple
flower

c.

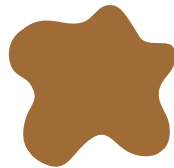


보라색 풍선
the purple
balloon

a. 보라색 가지 (The purple eggplant)

b. 보라색 꽃 (The purple flowers)

c. 보라색 풍선 (The purple balloon)



갈색

This is the noun form for the color brown. It means "the color brown". Here are some things that are brown:

Track 3-11

Things that are brown

 Track 3-11

a.



갈색 곰
the brown
bear

b.



갈색 쿠키
the brown
cookie

c.



갈색 버섯
the brown
mushroom

a. 갈색 곰 (The brown bear)

b. 갈색 쿠키 (The brown cookie)

c. 갈색 버섯 (The brown mushroom)



분홍색

This is the noun form for the color pink. It means “the color pink”. Sometimes, the Konglish word 핑크 is also used. Here are some things that are pink:

 (track 3-12)



Things that are pink

Track 3-12

a.



분홍색 지우개
the pink
eraser

b.



분홍색 사탕
the pink
candy

c.



분홍색 껌
the pink
gum

a. 분홍색 지우개 (The pink eraser)

b. 분홍색 사탕 (The pink candy)

c. 분홍색 껌 (The pink gum)



회색

This is the noun form for the color grey. It means "the color grey". Here are some things that are grey:

Track 3-13

Things that are grey

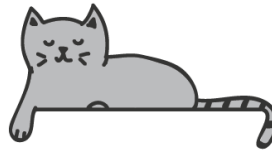
 Track 3-13

a.



회색 신발
the grey
shoes

b.



회색 고양이
the grey
cat

c.

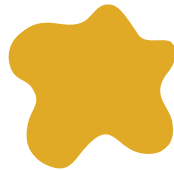


회색 돌
the grey
stone

a. 회색 신발 (The grey shoes)

b. 회색 고양이 (The grey cat)

c. 회색 돌 (The grey rock)



금색

This is the noun form for the color gold. It means “the color gold”. Sometimes, the Konglish word 골드 is also used.

Here are some things that are gold:

 (track 3-14)



Things that are gold

Track 3-14

a.



금화
the gold
coin

b.



금목걸이
the gold
necklace

c.



금반지
the gold
ring

a. 금화 (the gold coin)

b. 금목걸이 (the gold necklace)

c. 금반지 (the gold ring)



은색

This is the noun form for the color silver. It means “the color silver”.

Here are some things that are silver:

Track 3-15



Things that are silver

Track 3-15

a.



은화
the silver
coin

b.



은목걸이
the silver
necklace

c.

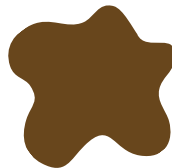


은반지
the silver
ring

a. 은화 (The silver coin)

b. 은목걸이 (The silver necklace)

c. 은반지 (The silver ring)



짙은 갈색

This is the noun form for the color brown. It means “the color dark brown”.

Here are some things that are silver:

🔊 (track 3-16)



Things that are dark brown

Track 3-16

a.



짙은 갈색 머리
dark brown
hair

b.



짙은 갈색 실
dark brown
thread

c.



짙은 갈색 자켓
the dark brown
jacket

a. 짙은 갈색 머리 (dark brown hair)

b. 짙은 갈색 실 (dark brown thread)

c. 짙은 갈색 자켓 (dark brown jacket)



하늘색

This is the noun form for the color silver. It means “the color sky blue”. Here are some things that are silver:

▶ (track 3-17)



Things that are sky blue

Track 3-17

a.



하늘색 치마
the sky blue
skirt

b.



하늘색 연필
the sky blue
pencil

c.



하늘색 바지
the sky blue
pants

a. 하늘색 치마 (The sky blue skirt)

b. 하늘색 연필 (The sky blue pencil)

c. 하늘색 바지 (The sky blue pants)



남색

This is the noun form for the color navy. It means “the color navy blue”. Here are some things that are navy:

▶ (track 3-18)



Things that are navy

Track 3-18

a.



남색 셔츠
the navy
shirt

b.



남색 조끼
the navy
vest

c.



남색 페인트
navy paint

a. 남색 셔츠 (The navy shirt)

b. 남색 조끼 (The navy vest)

c. 남색 페인트 (The navy paint)

Quiz - Lesson 3

Practice #1

Write the correct color word in Korean (noun form).

a.



b.



c.



d.



e.



f.



g.



h.



Practice #2

Write the correct color and object in the blanks below.

a.



b.



c.



d.



e.



f.



g.



h.





Practice #1

Write the correct color word in Korean (noun form).

a.



주황색

b.



검은색

c.



분홍색

d.



빨간색

e.



파란색

f.



노란색

g.



초록색

h.



보라색



Practice #2

Write the correct color and object in the blanks below.

a.



파란 의자

b.



노란 바나나

c.



초록색 나무

d.



주황색 당근

e.



빨간 사과

f.



보라색 풍선

g.



하얀 구름

h.



검은 가방

