

LEVEL 3 LESSON 23 - WORD BUILDER 1

Welcome to the 1st Word Builder lesson at TalkToMeInKorean.com! Word Builder lessons are designed to help you understand how to expand your vocabulary by learning/understanding some common and basic building blocks of Korean words. The words and letters that are introduced through the Word Builder lessons are not necessarily all Chinese characters (or 한자 [han-ja]). Even though many of them are based on Chinese characters, their meanings can be different from modern-day Chinese, and you don't have to memorize the Hanja characters themselves. Your goal through these lessons is to just understand how words are formed and remember the keyword in Korean and expand your Korean vocabulary from there.

Today's keyword is **학**.

The Chinese character for this word is **學**.

The word 학 is related to "learning" "studying" and "school".

학 + 생(person, member, participant) = **학생** [hak-saeng] = student

학 + 교(school) = **학교** [hak-gyo] = school

학 + 원(house, garden) = **학원** [ha-gwon] = private institute

수(numbers) + 학 = **수학** [su-hak] = mathematics

과(subject, class, species) + 학 = **과학** [gwa-hak] = science

어(word) + 학 = **어학** [eo-hak] = language learning

언어(word+word) + 학 = **언어학** [eo-neo-hak] = linguistics

학 + 자(person) = **학자** [hak-ja] = scholar

유(to stay) + 학 = **유학** [yu-hak] = studying abroad

유학(studying abroad) + 생 = **유학생** [yu-hak-saeng] = student studying abroad

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전(to roll, to move) + 학 = **전학** [jeon-hak] = to change schools

전학(to change schools) + 생 = **전학생** [jeon-hak-saeng] = student who moved to another school

학 + 년(year) = **학년** [hak-nyeon] = school year

학 + 기(period) = **학기** [hak-gi] = semester

장(recommend) + 학 + 금(money) = **장학금** [jang-hak-geum] = scholarship

장 + 학 + 생 = **장학생** [jang-hak-saeng] = student on scholarship

복(return) + 학 + 생 = **복학생** [bok-hak-saeng]

= student who has returned to school (usually) after a long break

학 + 습(acquire) = **학습** [hak-seup] = learning, studies

한국어 학습 [han-gu-geo hak-seup] = Korean learning

독(alone) + 학 = **독학** [dok-hak] = self-study, studying by oneself