UNIT 11

Numbers in Korean

Goal: know the two number sets, read 1 to 10 in both, build numbers up to 99, and read real Korean phone numbers. Two number sets. Two different jobs.

Three big ideas.

1. **Two number sets**: Sino-Korean (일 이 삼) and native Korean (하나 둘 셋).
2. **Stack the tens, then the ones** in the first set: 이십 + 삼 = 이십삼.
3. **Phone numbers use the first set**, and zero is usually 공.

Exercise 1 · Read out loud (no English!)

Read each row out loud, then tick the boxes.

Numbers 1	일 이 삼 사 오	☐☐
Numbers 2	육 칠 팔 구 십	☐☐
Numbers 3	하나 둘 셋 넷 다섯	☐☐
Numbers 4	여섯 일곱 여덟 아홉 열	☐☐

Exercise 2 · Digit match, first set

Read each number out loud, then write the digit.

삼	_____	칠	_____
구	_____	이	_____
육	_____	오	_____
십	_____	팔	_____

Two zeros: 영 is for math and scores. 공 is for phone numbers.

Exercise 3 · Digit match, second set

Read each number out loud, then write the digit.

셋	_____	일곱	_____
아홉	_____	둘	_____
여섯	_____	다섯	_____
열	_____	여덟	_____

The second set is usually used for counting things, age, and the hours on a clock.

Exercise 4 · Build and read. Write the digit

In the first set, say the tens, then the ones. Read each number out loud, then write the digit.

십오	_____
이십	_____
삼십칠	_____
구십이	_____

십오 = 십 (10) + 오 (5). 삼십칠 = 삼십 (30) + 칠 (7).

Exercise 5 · Write it in Korean

Write each number in Korean, using the first set.

12	_____
23	_____
40	_____
99	_____
100	_____

Up to 99 there is nothing new to memorize. Only 백 (100) is a new word.

Exercise 6 · Which set is the usual choice?

Write **S** for the first set (Sino-Korean) or **N** for the second set (native Korean).

Phone number _____

Counting books _____

Age _____

Money _____

Today's date _____

The hour on a clock _____

The minutes on a clock _____

"Usual choice" matters. Korean has a few exceptions, so these are the sets most people use. The clock uses both sets. That is Unit 12.

Exercise 7 · Read the phone numbers out loud

Read each number out loud, then write it in Korean. Use 공 for zero.

Number	In Korean	What it is
010	_____	Start of a mobile number
112	_____	Police · emergencies only
119	_____	Fire and ambulance · emergencies only
1330	_____	Korea Travel Helpline (not an emergency line)
1577 – 2600	_____	Incheon Airport · main number

These are official public numbers. Call 112 and 119 only in a real emergency, not for practice.

Exercise 8 · Quick quiz

1. Which one is the number 5 in the first set?

A 오 **B** 다섯 **C** 열

2. Which one is 7 in the second set?

A 칠 **B** 일곱 **C** 여섯

3. You want to say a phone number. Which set do you use?

A Either **B** Native Korean **C** Sino-Korean

4. How do you usually say zero in a phone number?

A 영 **B** 공 **C** 백

5. How do you say 23 in the first set?

A 이십삼 **B** 삼십이 **C** 이삼

6. Which set do you usually use for counting things and age?

A The first (Sino-Korean) **B** The second (native Korean) **C** Neither

Unit 11 Master Check

- ☐ I know Korean has two number sets, and each has its own job
- ☐ I can read Sino-Korean 1 to 10: 일 이 삼 사 오 육 칠 팔 구 십
- ☐ I can read native Korean 1 to 10: 하나 둘 셋 넷 다섯 여섯 일곱 여덟 아홉 열
- ☐ I know 영 is zero in math and 공 is zero in phone numbers
- ☐ I can build numbers up to 99 (이십삼 = 23) and I know 100 is 백
- ☐ I know the usual set for phone numbers, money, dates (first) and for counting things, age, hours (second)
- ☐ I can read 112 · 119 · 1330 · 1577 – 2600 out loud

Keep going: Listen again tomorrow. Numbers take lots of listening. Next up is Unit 12: time and dates.

Answer Key

Check your work. Then read every answer out loud once more.

Exercise 2

삼 = 3 · 칠 = 7 · 구 = 9 · 이 = 2 · 육 = 6 · 오 = 5 · 십 = 10 · 팔 = 8

Exercise 3

셋 = 3 · 일곱 = 7 · 아홉 = 9 · 둘 = 2 · 여섯 = 6 · 다섯 = 5 · 열 = 10 · 여덟 = 8

Exercise 4

십오 = 15 · 이십 = 20 · 삼십칠 = 37 · 구십이 = 92

Exercise 5

12 = 십이 · 23 = 이십삼 · 40 = 사십 · 99 = 구십구 · 100 = 백

Exercise 6

Phone number = S · Counting books = N · Age = N · Money = S · Today's date = S · The hour on a clock = N · The minutes on a clock = S

Exercise 7

010 = 공일공
112 = 일일이
119 = 일일구
1330 = 일삼삼공
1577 – 2600 = 일오칠칠 · 이육공공

Exercise 8

1. A (오) · 2. B (일곱) · 3. C (Sino-Korean) · 4. B (공) · 5. A (이십삼) · 6. B (the second set, native Korean)

> Some answers depend on your own pronunciation. Compare your voice with the native-speaker audio in the video.