

Korean four character idioms worksheet (PDF)

Word list

#	Hangul	Romanization	Meaning
1	일석이조	ilseogijo [일써기조]	two birds with one stone
2	작심삼일	jaksimsamil [작심사밀]	a resolution that doesn't last
3	십중팔구	sipjungpalgu [십쫑팔구]	very likely
4	동문서답	dongmunseodap	an answer that misses the question
5	인산인해	insaninhae [인사닌해]	a huge crowd
6	이심전심	isimjeonsim	understanding each other without words
7	설상가상	seolsanggasang [설쌍가상]	to make matters worse
8	자업자득	jaeopjadeuk [자업짜득]	you reap what you sow
9	우유부단	uyubudan	indecisive
10	팔방미인	palbangmiin	an all-rounder
11	외유내강	oeyunaegang	gentle on the outside, tough on the inside
12	안하무인	anhamuin	arrogant
13	표리부동	pyoribudong	two-faced
14	죽마고우	jungmagou [죽마고우]	a childhood friend
15	동고동락	donggodongnak [동고동낙]	to go through thick and thin together
16	이구동성	igudongseong	with one voice
17	대기만성	daegimanseong	a late bloomer
18	유비무환	yubimuhwan	better safe than sorry
19	주경야독	jugyeongyadok	working by day and studying by night
20	일취월장	ilchwiwoljang [일취월짱]	rapid progress
21	고진감래	gojingamnae [고진감내]	after hardship comes happiness
22	칠전팔기	chiljeonpalgi [칠쩐팔기]	never giving up
23	일사천리	ilsacheolli [일싸철리]	quickly and without a hitch
24	자포자기	japojagi	giving up on yourself

More words: see the full list at learn-korean-hangul.com/vocabulary/word-types/four-character-idioms/

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Matching

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Hangul	Meaning
1. 일석이조 _____	A. indecisive
2. 작심삼일 _____	B. understanding each other without words
3. 심중팔구 _____	C. to make matters worse
4. 동문서답 _____	D. you reap what you sow
5. 인산인해 _____	E. gentle on the outside, tough on the inside
6. 이심전심 _____	F. a huge crowd
7. 설상가상 _____	G. an all-rounder
8. 자업자득 _____	H. arrogant
9. 우유부단 _____	I. a resolution that doesn't last
10. 팔방미인 _____	J. two birds with one stone
11. 외유내강 _____	K. an answer that misses the question
12. 안하무인 _____	L. very likely

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Writing practice

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Fill in the blank

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1. 운동하면서 영어 팟캐스트를 들어요. _____예요.

I listen to English podcasts while I work out. Two birds with one stone.

2. 올해도 다이어트가 _____이었어요.

My diet resolution fizzled out again this year.

3. 이렇게 구름이 많으면 _____ 비가 와요.

With this many clouds, it'll almost certainly rain.

4. 제 질문에 동생이 _____을 했어요.

My younger sibling gave an answer that had nothing to do with my question.

5. 주말 명동은 _____예요.

Myeongdong at the weekend is packed with people.

6. 엄마는 제 마음을 금방 알아요. _____이에요.

Mum knows how I feel straight away. We understand each other without words.

7. 길을 잃었어요. _____으로 비까지 왔어요.

I got lost. To make matters worse, it started to rain.

8. 밤새 게임을 해서 시험을 망쳤어요. _____이에요.

I gamed all night and ruined my exam. I only have myself to blame.

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Answer key

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4. K — 동문서답 — an answer that misses the question
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