

K-drama tropes and roles worksheet

Word list

#	Hangul	Romanization	Meaning
1	남주	namju	male lead (short for 남자 주인공)
2	여주	yeoju	female lead (short for 여자 주인공)
3	서브 남주	seobeu namju	second male lead
4	빌런	billion	villain
5	재벌 3세	jaebeol samse	chaebol heir (third generation)
6	실장님	siljangnim	office manager (a stock role for the male lead)
7	비서	biseo	secretary
8	첫사랑	cheotsarang	first love
9	삼각관계	samgakgwangye	love triangle
10	짝사랑	jjaksarang	unrequited love
11	계약 연애	gyeyak yeonae	contract dating (a fake relationship)
12	오해	ohae	misunderstanding
13	이별	ibyeol	parting
14	재회	jaehoe	reunion
15	출생의 비밀	chulsaengui bimil	secret of birth
16	금수저	geumsujeo	gold spoon (born into a rich family)
17	흙수저	heuksujeo	dirt spoon (born into a poor family)
18	시월드	siwoldeu	in-laws' world (slang for the husband's family)
19	며느리	myeoneuri	daughter-in-law
20	시아머니	sieomeoni	mother-in-law (husband's mother)
21	상속	sangsok	inheritance
22	이사님	isanim	director (a company executive)
23	신입	sinip	new hire
24	선배	seonbae	senior (at school or work)

More words: see the full list at learn-korean-hangul.com/vocabulary/culture/kdrama/tropes-and-roles/

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Matching

Name: _____ Date: _____

Hangul	Meaning
1. 남주 _____	A. first love
2. 여주 _____	B. villain
3. 서브 남주 _____	C. office manager (a stock role for the male lead)
4. 빌런 _____	D. unrequited love
5. 재벌 3세 _____	E. love triangle
6. 실장님 _____	F. second male lead
7. 비서 _____	G. contract dating (a fake relationship)
8. 첫사랑 _____	H. misunderstanding
9. 삼각관계 _____	I. secretary
10. 짝사랑 _____	J. male lead (short for 남자 주인공)
11. 계약 연애 _____	K. female lead (short for 여자 주인공)
12. 오해 _____	L. chaebol heir (third generation)

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Writing practice

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Fill in the blank

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. _____가 너무 멋있어요.

The male lead is so cool.

2. _____가 회사에 들어가요.

The female lead joins the company.

3. _____가 여주를 좋아해요.

The second male lead likes the female lead.

4. 이 드라마의 _____은 무서워요.

The villain of this drama is scary.

5. 남주는 _____예요.

The male lead is a chaebol heir.

6. _____은 항상 바빠요.

The manager is always busy.

7. _____가 일정을 말해요.

The secretary tells the schedule.

8. _____을 다시 만났어요.

I met my first love again.

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Answer key

1. J — 남주 — male lead (short for 남자 주인공)
2. K — 여주 — female lead (short for 여자 주인공)
3. F — 서브 남주 — second male lead
4. B — 빌런 — villain
5. L — 재벌 3세 — chaebol heir (third generation)
6. C — 실장님 — office manager (a stock role for the male lead)
7. I — 비서 — secretary
8. A — 첫사랑 — first love
9. E — 삼각관계 — love triangle
10. D — 짝사랑 — unrequited love
11. G — 계약 연애 — contract dating (a fake relationship)
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6. 실장님
7. 비서
8. 첫사랑