



Korean Ladder Study Note

그치 / 그니까 / 아냐

Tiny Casual Confirmations Friends Say

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Colloquial Contractions	그치 / 그니까 / 아냐 Tiny Casual Confirmations Friends Say

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-CTR-003>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHLp56psq7E>

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. In dramas I keep hearing 그치, 그니까, and 아냐. But my book taught 그렇지, 그러니까, and 아니야. Are those different words?

좋은 질문이에요. In English, great question. They are not new words. They are the same meanings, just shorter in everyday banmal.

오늘의 핵심은 이 세 줄임말이에요. 그치, 그니까, 아냐. In English, three tiny confirmations friends say all day.

긴 말은 이거예요. 그렇지, 그러니까, 아니야. 짧은 말은 그치, 그니까, 아냐예요. In English, full forms shrink into friend-size replies.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 진짜 춥다. —	It's really cold today.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	그치. —	Right.
Hana	그니까 코트를 입자. —	So let's put on coats.
Junho	아냐, 패딩이 더 낫지. —	Nah, a puffer is better.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
그치 / 그니까 / 아냐 geuchi / geunikka / anya	right? / so... / nah	오늘의 핵심은 이 세 줄임말이에요. 그치, 그니까, 아냐. In English, three tiny confirmations friends say all day.
그렇지→그치 · 그러니까→그니까 · 아니야→아냐 geureochi→geuchi · geureonikka→geunikka · aniya→anya	Full forms become short confirmations	긴 말은 이거예요. 그렇지, 그러니까, 아니야. 짧은 말은 그치, 그니까, 아냐예요. In English, full forms shrink into friend-size replies.
그렇지 → 그치 geureochi → geuchi	That's right → right? / yeah	먼저 동의하는 말부터 볼게요. 그렇지는 그치로 줄어요. In English, 그렇지 becomes 그치.
그치 = 그렇지 geuchi = geureochi	Same meaning, friend speed	Okay. So 그치 is not a brand-new word. It is 그렇지 said short when I agree.
그러니까 → 그니까 geureonikka → geunikka	So / therefore → so...	다음은 그니까예요. 그러니까가 그니까로 줄어요. In English, 그러니까 becomes 그니까.
그니까 geunikka	So... / that's why...	그니까는 이유를 받아서 다음 말로 넘겨요. In English, it means so, or that's why, and it keeps the chat moving.
그치 ≠ 그니까 geuchi ≠ geunikka	Agree versus follow the logic	Got it. 그치 says I agree. 그니까 says so, next step.
아니야 → 아냐 aniya → anya	It's not → nah / that's not it	마지막은 아냐예요. 아니야가 아냐로 줄어요. In English, 아니야 becomes 아냐.



Grammar / Structure Notes

그치 / 그니까 / 아냐

그치 / 그니까 / 아냐 — right? / so... / nah

Short spoken forms of 그렇지 · 그러니까 · 아니야

그렇지→그치 · 그러니까→그니까 · 아니야→아냐

그렇지→그치 · 그러니까→그니까 · 아니야→아냐 — Full forms become short confirmations

Meaning stays; tone gets casual

그렇지 → 그치

그렇지 + → + 그치 — That's right → right? / yeah

먼저 동의하는 말부터 볼게요. 그렇지는 그치로 줄어요. In English, 그렇지 becomes 그치.

오늘 날씨 좋다, 그치?

오늘 + 날씨 + 좋다 + , + 그치 + ? — The weather is nice today, right?

예를 들어요. 오늘 날씨 좋다, 그치? In English, the weather is nice today, right?

그치?

그치? — Right? / Yeah, exactly

Rising 그치? checks; short 그치 agrees

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
그치	geuchi
그니까	geunikka
아냐	anya
그치, 그니까, 아냐	geuchi / geunikka / anya

Self-Check

- 1 Say 그치 / 그니까 / 아냐 three times: slow, natural, then inside a short sentence.
- 2 Write one original sentence that was not in the video.
- 3 Rewatch the YouTube lesson and pause when the same pattern appears.

Related / Subsequent Studies



Lesson	Why study it next	Link
난 / 넌 / 뭘 / 날 Everyday Spoken Contractions of Particles	A1 Colloquial: compare 난 / 넌 / 뭘 / 날 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-CTR-002
이건 / 저건 / 그건 Everyday Spoken Contractions of 이것은	A1 Colloquial: compare 이건 / 저건 / 그건 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-CTR-001
-르 거야 / -는 거지 / -ㄴ 걸 Spoken Contractions of 것	B2 Colloquial: compare -르 거야 / -는 거지 / -ㄴ 걸 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-CTR-001
-다는 게 / -라는 거 / -다니까 Spoken Reductions of Reported Speech	C1 Colloquial: compare -다는 게 / -라는 거 / -다니까 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-COLLOQ-CTR-001

My Notes

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