



Korean Ladder Study Note

그래서요

Continuing Someone Else's Thought as a Beginner

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Connectors	그래서요 Continuing Someone Else's Thought as a Beginner

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CON-006>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1rMReFeKB8>

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Core Idea

My friend tells me a story in Korean, and I want to say, 그래서요? But then I worry: does that sound like "So what?"

좋은 질문이에요. ‘그래서요?’는 때로 ‘그래서 어쩌라고?’처럼 들릴 수 있어요. In English, it can land like "So what?" if the situation or tone is wrong.

처음에는 ‘그래서 어떻게 됐어요?’나 ‘그다음에는요?’가 더 안전해요. For a beginner, these fuller questions clearly mean, "What happened next?"

‘그리고요?’는 상대방의 이야기를 더 듣고 싶을 때 쓸 수 있어요. In English, it is like inviting more details, although it can have a slightly interviewer-like feeling.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	어제 도서관에 갔어요. —	Yesterday, I went to the library.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	그리고요? —	And then?
Hana	책을 빌렸어요. 그래서 집에서 읽었어요. —	I borrowed a book. So I read it at home.
Junho	아, 그렇군요. —	Ah, I see.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
그리고: 내용을 덧붙여요 그래서: 결과를 말해요 —	그리고 adds. 그래서 shows a result.	핵심은 뜻이에요. 그리고 adds information or another event. 그래서 gives the result or conclusion from what came before.



Grammar / Structure Notes

그래서 어떻게 됐어요?

그래서 어떻게 됐어요? — So, what happened?

A safe beginner follow-up question.

그리고요?

그리고요? — And then? / And?

Often invites the speaker to add more.

그래서요?

그래서요? — So? / And what happened?

Can ask about a result, but may sound curt depending on context.

그리고요? / 그래서 어떻게 됐어요?

그리고요? / 그래서 어떻게 됐어요? — More details / What happened as a result?

So 그리고요? is more like, "Tell me more," and the safer result question is 그래서 어떻게 됐어요?

민수 씨가 아파요. 그래서 오늘 못 와요.

민수 씨 + 가 + 아파요. + 그래서 + 오늘 + 못 + 와요. — Minsu is sick. So he cannot come today.

맞아요. 먼저 내 이야기 안에서 쓰는 그리고와 그래서도 들어 볼게요. Now let us hear the two connectors inside a speaker's own story.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
그래서 어떻게 됐어요?	geuraeseo eotteoke dwaesseoyo?
그다음에는요?	geudaeumeneunyo?
그리고요?	geurigoyo?
제 친구는 학생이에요. 그리고 한국어를 공부해요.	je chinguneun haksaengieyo. geurigo hangugeoreul gongbuhaeyo.

Self-Check

- 1 Say 그래서요 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
그래도 / 하지만 Two More Ways to Say 'But' Between Sentences	A1 Grammar: compare 그래도 / 하지만 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CON-002
그러니까 Turning a Reason into Everyday 'So...'	A1 Grammar: compare 그러니까 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CON-004
그리고 / 그래서 / 그런데 Connecting Two Sentences with Conjunctions	A1 Grammar: compare 그리고 / 그래서 / 그런데 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CON-001
또 / 그리고 또 Adding One More Thing as a Beginner	A1 Grammar: compare 또 / 그리고 또 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CON-005

My Notes

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