



Korean Ladder Study Note

그러면

Everyday 'Then / In That Case' Between Sentences

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Grammar Connectors	그러면 Everyday 'Then / In That Case' Between Sentences

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CON-008>

Watch the full video on YouTube

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

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Core Idea

Someone tells me the café has no coffee. How do I say, 'In that case, I'll have tea,' without starting over?

그러면 차 주세요. Then, tea, please. 그러면 shows that your choice responds to what you just heard.

So this isn't just the next event on a timeline. It's my next move because of the situation.

오늘의 표현은 그러면이에요. Today's connector is 그러면. It means 'then' or 'in that case.'

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	죄송해요. 커피가 없어요. —	I'm sorry. There isn't any coffee.
Junho	그러면 차 주세요. —	In that case, tea, please.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	네, 알겠어요. —	Okay, understood.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
그러면 geureomyeon	Then; in that case	오늘의 표현은 그러면이에요. Today's connector is 그러면. It means 'then' or 'in that case.'
그러면 + 문장 —	그러면 + a sentence	맞아요. That's right. Put 그러면 at the start of the response sentence. You don't need to attach it to the word before it.
그다음에 / 그러면 —	After that / In that case	그다음에 means 'after that.' 그러면 means 'in that case' in our examples. A later event and a response to a situation are different connections.
그러면 → 그럼 —	Then; in that case	One everyday listening tip. You may hear 그럼 instead of 그러면. 그럼 차 주세요. Here, 그럼 is the shorter form with the same meaning.



Grammar / Structure Notes

그러면 차 주세요.

그러면 차 주세요. — In that case, tea, please.

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그러면

그러면 — Then; in that case

Situation → 그러면 + a sentence responding to that situation.

그러면

그러면 — In that case

Look back at the situation, then give your response.

커피가 없어요.

커피가 없어요. — There isn't any coffee.

Listen to the situation first. 커피가 없어요. There isn't any coffee.

커피가 없어요.

커피 + 가 + 없어요. — There isn't any coffee.

커피 means coffee. 가 marks the subject. 없어요 means there isn't any. It describes absence, so it's an adjective, also called a descriptive verb in some learning materials.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
그러면 차 주세요.	geureomyeon cha juseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 그러면 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
그래서요 Continuing Someone Else's Thought as a Beginner	A1 Grammar: compare 그래서요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-CON-006
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

My Notes

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