



Korean Ladder Study Note

군것질 / 간식 / 후식

Snacks, Nibbles, and Dessert

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Vocabulary Food & Dining	군것질 / 간식 / 후식 Snacks, Nibbles, and Dessert

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-005>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkZmq1n9RTA>

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Core Idea

Okay, wait. In English I say snack for almost everything — chips before dinner, cookies after lunch, even dessert. Is Korean that loose too?

좋은 질문이에요. In Korean, we split that big English word into three everyday ideas.

Today's words are 간식, 군것질, and 후식. Two are about timing; 군것질 is the nibbling habit.

간식 is a normal snack between meals. 군것질 is the nibbling habit — picking at sweets when you shouldn't. 후식 is dessert after a meal.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	준호 씨, 간식 먹을래요?	Junho, want a snack?
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Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	좋아요. 저녁 전에 군것질하면 안 되니까 조금만 먹을게요. —	Sure. I shouldn't nibble before dinner, so I'll only have a little.
Hana	준호 씨, 간식 먹을래요? —	Junho, want a snack?
Junho	좋아요. 저녁 전에 군것질하면 안 되니까 조금만 먹을게요. —	Sure. I shouldn't nibble before dinner, so I'll only have a little.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
간식 · 군것질 · 후식 gansik · gungeotjil · husik	snack · nibbling (habit) · dessert	Today's words are 간식, 군것질, and 후식. Two are about timing; 군것질 is the nibbling habit.
군것질하지 마세요 gungeotjilhaji maseyo	Don't nibble / stop snacking (habit)	동사로 쓰면 군것질하다예요. We say 군것질해요 when someone keeps picking at sweets instead of waiting for dinner. And we often warn: 군것질하지 마세요.
간식 먹다 · 군것질하다 · 후식 먹다 gansik meokda · gungeotjilhada · husik meokda	eat a snack · nibble (habit) · eat dessert	Collocations help a lot. 간식 먹다, 군것질하다, 후식 먹다. Notice 군것질 takes 하다.
후식으로 아이스크림 먹을게요 husigeuro aiseukeurim meogeulgeyo	Snacks, Nibbles, and Dessert	Choosing dessert sounds like this: 후식으로 아이스크림 먹을게요.
식사 후에 후식 먹어요 siksa hue husik meogeoyo	After a meal, we eat dessert	기억하세요. 식사 후에 후식 먹어요. In English, After a meal, we eat dessert.



Grammar / Structure Notes

간식 · 군것질 · 후식

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간식 먹을래요?

간식 + 먹을래요 + ? — Want to have a snack?

Units first. 간식 is the snack. 먹을래요 is the soft offer — want to eat?

간식 먹을래요?

간식 + 먹을래요 + ? — Want to have a snack?

간식 먹을래요? That feels friendly — like offering chips or fruit between meals.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
간식 먹을래요?	gansik meogeullaeyo?
후식 드실래요?	husik deusillaeyo?
후식으로 아이스크림 먹을게요	husigeuro aiseukeurim meogeulgeyo
군것질하지 마세요	gungeotjilhaji maseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 군것질 / 간식 / 후식 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
물 / 커피 / 밥 Essential Food Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 물 / 커피 / 밥 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-001
빵 / 과자 / 사탕 Your First Korean Snack Words	A1 Vocabulary: compare 빵 / 과자 / 사탕 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-003
우유 / 주스 / 차 The Drinks You Order Every Day	A1 Vocabulary: compare 우유 / 주스 / 차 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-VOCAB-FOO-002
고기 / 생선 / 채소 / 과일 Grocery and Ingredient Categories	A2 Vocabulary: compare 고기 / 생선 / 채소 / 과일 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-VOCAB-FOO-002

My Notes

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