



Korean Ladder Study Note

글쎄요 / 그러게요 / 아무튼

Hedging and Agreeing Naturally

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Colloquial Fillers & Reactions	글쎄요 / 그러게요 / 아무튼 Hedging and Agreeing Naturally

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Core Idea

Okay, real question. When someone asks me something in Korean and I don't know, I just freeze. There has to be a smoother move than silence.

And the opposite, too — when I totally agree, I just say 네, 네 over and over. It feels flat. Koreans have something warmer, right?

그러게요. You just proved my point — that word you need is one of today's three. Let me show you the whole set.

Three soft fillers. 글쎄요 means I'm not sure. 그러게요 means you're right, I feel the same. 아무튼 means anyway, let's move on.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	우리 주말에 등산 갈래요? —	Want to go hiking this weekend?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	글썩요, 날씨를 봐야겠어요. —	Hmm, I'm not sure — I'll have to check the weather.
Hana	비 온대요. 좀 아쉽네요. —	They say it'll rain. A little disappointing.
Junho	그러게요. 아무튼 다음 주에 가요. —	Yeah, I know. Anyway, let's go next week.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
글썩요 · 그러게요 · 아무튼 geulsseyo · geureogyo · amuteun	I'm not sure · You're right · Anyway	Three soft fillers. 글썩요 means I'm not sure. 그러게요 means you're right, I feel the same. 아무튼 means anyway, let's move on.
글썩요 geulsseyo	Hmm, I'm not sure / Well...	First one. 글썩요. The 요 at the end keeps it polite. It says — hmm, I'm honestly not sure.
그러게요 geureogyo	You're right / I know, right?	Second one. 그러게요. This is warm agreement — you're right, I feel exactly the same. 그러게 plus polite 요.
아무튼 amuteun	Anyway / In any case	Third one. 아무튼. It means anyway — let's set that aside and move on. Its twin 어쨌든 means the same thing.
글썩요 / 그러게요 / 아무튼 —	Not sure / You're right / Anyway	Let me make sure I've got the feel. 글썩요 is buying time when I don't know. 그러게요 is agreeing warmly. 아무튼 is — okay, moving on.
글썩요 = soft 'maybe', not 'no' —	Leaves the door open.	맞아요. And here's the key — 글썩요 is a soft maybe, not a hard no. It leaves the door open while you think.
글썩요... —	Fine to hedge — cold if it's your ONLY answer.	좋은 질문이에요. By itself, 글썩요 is fine. It gets cold only if it's your whole answer to something important — then it sounds like you don't care.
글썩요 → 그러게요 → 아무튼 —	Hesitate → agree → move on	Did you catch the flow? 글썩요 to hesitate, 그러게요 to share her feeling, 아무튼 to make a new plan. That's the whole toolkit in four lines.



Grammar / Structure Notes

글썩요 · 그러게요 · 아무튼

글썩요 · 그러게요 · 아무튼 — I'm not sure · You're right · Anyway

Three reactions that make speech sound natural.

왜 중요해요?

왜 중요해요? — Why does this matter?

Polite gaps > awkward silence.

글썩요

글썩 + 요 — Hmm, I'm not sure / Well...

First one. 글썩요. The 요 at the end keeps it polite. It says — hmm, I'm honestly not sure.

글썩요, 잘 모르겠어요.

글썩요, 잘 모르겠어요. — Hmm... I don't really know.

글썩요 + soft 'I don't know.'

그러게요

그러게 + 요 — You're right / I know, right?

Second one. 그러게요. This is warm agreement — you're right, I feel exactly the same. 그러게 plus polite 요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
그러게요	geureogeyo
아무튼	amuteun
글썩요	geulsseyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say 글썩요 / 그러게요 / 아무튼 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
네 / 아니요 / 맞아요 Natural Korean Reactions	A1 Colloquial: compare 네 / 아니요 / 맞아요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-COLLOQ-FIL-001
음 / 그러니까 / 뭐랄까 Sounding Natural with Korean Fillers	B1 Colloquial: compare 음 / 그러니까 / 뭐랄까 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-FIL-001
말 놓을까요 Switching to Casual Banmal with Friends	A2 Colloquial: compare 말 놓을까요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-COLLOQ-BAN-001
뭐예요 / 거예요 Everyday Korean Contractions	A2 Colloquial: compare 뭐예요 / 거예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-COLLOQ-CTR-001

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