



Korean Ladder Study Note

-고

Listing Actions and Saying 'And Then'

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Grammar Connectors	-고 Listing Actions and Saying 'And Then'

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-005>

Watch the full video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ab63dw0Twio>

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Core Idea

Here's my problem. In English I say, "I ate and slept," or "It's cheap and delicious." Is Korean just 그리고 every time?

좋은 질문이에요. 그리고도 가능하지만, 한 문장 안에서는 어미 -고가 아주 자주 쓰여요. In English, it connects actions or qualities inside one sentence.

오늘의 패턴은 어미 -고예요. It is the basic connector you need for listing: this and that, do this and then do that. So instead of making two sentences, I can glue them together with -고?

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	오늘 뭐 해요? —	What are you doing today?
Junho	카페에 가고 친구를 만나요. —	I go to a café and meet a friend.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	좋아요. 커피도 마셔요? —	Nice. Do you drink coffee too?
Junho	네, 커피를 마시고 책을 읽어요. —	Yes, I drink coffee and read a book.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
동사/형용사 어간 + -고 stem + -go	stem + -고 = and / and then	좋은 질문이에요. 그리고도 가능하지만, 한 문장 안에서는 어미 -고가 아주 자주 쓰여요. In English, it connects actions or qualities inside one sentence.
A-고 B A-go B	A and B / A and then B	오늘의 패턴은 어미 -고예요. It is the basic connector you need for listing: this and that, do this and then do that.
먹다 → 먹고 meokda → meokgo	to eat → eat and...	맞아요. 오늘의 핵심은 어미 -고예요. The first verb or adjective drops 다, then takes -고.
밥을 먹고 자요 bap-eul meokgo jayo	I eat and then sleep.	먼저 동작을 이어 볼게요. 밥을 먹고 자요. I eat and then sleep.
커피를 마시고 공부해요 keopireul masigo gongbuhayo	I drink coffee and then study.	커피를 마시고 공부해요. I drink coffee and then study. The order is natural: first coffee, then studying.
이 식당은 싸고 맛있어요 i sikdang-eun ssago masisseoyo	This restaurant is cheap and delicious.	이번에는 성질이나 상태를 나열해요. 이 식당은 싸고 맛있어요. This restaurant is cheap and delicious.
싸고 맛있어요 ssago masisseoyo	cheap and delicious	싸다 becomes 싸고. 맛있다 becomes 맛있어요 at the end. For qualities, -고 works like “and.”
가다 → 가고 · 보다 → 보고 · 하다 → 하고 gada → gago · boda → bogo · hada → hago	go and... · see and... · do and...	형태는 간단합니다. 가다 becomes 가고. 보다 becomes 보고. 하다 becomes 하고.



Grammar / Structure Notes

동사/형용사 어간 + -고

동사/형용사 어간 + -고 — stem + -고 = and / and then

Attach -고 directly to the verb or adjective stem.

A-고 B

A-고 B — A and B / A and then B

-고 attaches to the stem of A.

먹다 → 먹고

먹다 → 먹고 — to eat → eat and...

Drop 다, add -고.

밥을 먹고 자요

밥 + 을 + 먹 + 고 + 자요 — I eat and then sleep.

먼저 동작을 이어 볼게요. 밥을 먹고 자요. I eat and then sleep.

커피를 마시고 공부해요

커피 + 를 + 마시 + 고 + 공부해요 — I drink coffee and then study.

커피를 마시고 공부해요. I drink coffee and then study. The order is natural: first coffee, then studying.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
싸고 맛있어요	ssago masisseoyo
집에 가고 밥을 먹어요	jib-e gago bap-eul meogeoyo
가고	gago
일어나서 샤워해요	ireonaseo syawohaeyo
일어나고 아침을 먹어요	ireonago achim-eul meogeoyo
일어나고 아침을 먹었어요	ireonago achim-eul meogeosseoyo

Self-Check

- 1 Say -고 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
-(으)러 vs -(으)려고 Going Somewhere to Do Something	A2 Grammar: compare -(으)러 vs -(으)려고 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-003
-(으)면 Saying 'If' and 'When' in Korean	A2 Grammar: compare -(으)면 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-002
-(으)면서 Doing Two Things at the Same Time	A2 Grammar: compare -(으)면서 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-006
-지만 Connecting Two Clauses with 'But' and 'Although'	A2 Grammar: compare -지만 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-004

My Notes

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