



Korean Ladder Study Note

갑툭튀 / 듣보잡 / 뇌피셜

Slang for Sudden Appearances and Made-Up Facts

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Colloquial Slang	갑툭튀 / 듣보잡 / 뇌피셜 Slang for Sudden Appearances and Made-Up Facts

Study Links

Open this lesson on Korean Ladder

<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-SLG-004>

Watch the full video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXoEL2A_MpE

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Core Idea

I saw 갑툭튀 뭐야 in a video comment, then 완전 뇌피셜 under a rumor post. Are these jokes, insults, or normal Korean?

좋은 질문이에요. These are casual internet slang words. They can feel funny with friends, but sharp with strangers.

오늘의 틀은 simple. Meaning, tone, and setting. Slang is social vocabulary, not just a dictionary meaning.

첫 번째는 갑툭튀예요. 갑자기 툭 튀어나오다에서 온 말이에요. In English, something pops out of nowhere.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	방금 강아지 갑툭튀한 거 봤어? —	Did you see the dog suddenly pop out just now?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	봤어. 진짜 깜짝 놀랐어. —	I did. I was really startled.
Hana	댓글에 어떤 사람이 결말 다 안대. —	Someone in the comments says they know the whole ending.
Junho	출처 없으면 뇌피셜이지. —	If there's no source, it's just a baseless claim.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
뜻 + 톤 + 사용 장소 tteut + ton + sayong jangso	meaning + tone + place of use	오늘의 틀은 simple. Meaning, tone, and setting. Slang is social vocabulary, not just a dictionary meaning.
갑툭튀 gap-tuk-twi	popping out of nowhere	첫 번째는 갑툭튀예요. 갑자기 툭 튀어나오다에서 온 말이에요. In English, something pops out of nowhere.
갑자기툭튀어나오다 gapjagi tuk twieonaoda	to suddenly pop out	갑자기는 suddenly, 툭 gives a quick pop feeling, and 튀어나오다 means to pop out or jump out.
고양이갑툭튀 goyangi gap-tuk-twi	a cat suddenly popped out	So if a cat jumps out in a video, I can say, 고양이 갑툭튀?
고양이갑툭튀 뭐야 goyangi gap-tuk-twi mwoya	What was that cat popping out of nowhere?	맞아요. In a casual comment, 고양이 갑툭튀 뭐야 is natural. It means, what was that cat popping out of nowhere.
듣보잡 deut-bo-jap	an unknown nobody; a no-name thing	두 번째는 듣보잡이에요. 듣도 보도 못한 잡것의 줄임말이라서, tone is much harsher.
듣도보도못한잡것 deutdo bodo mot han jageot	something or someone unheard of and unseen; a nobody	듣도 보도 못한 means never heard of or seen. 잡것 is rude, so 듣보잡 is dismissive, not neutral.
그 사람 듣보잡이야 geu saram deut-bo-jabiya	That person is a nobody.	맞아요. Close friends might joke with it, but about a real person, artist, or company, it may sound rude.



Grammar / Structure Notes

뜻 + 톤 + 사용 장소

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Slang depends on relationship and context.

갑툭튀

갑툭튀 — popping out of nowhere

From 갑자기 툭 튀어나오다

갑자기툭튀어나오다

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고양이갑툭튀

고양이 + 갑툭튀 — a cat suddenly popped out

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고양이갑툭튀 뭐야

고양이 + 갑툭튀 + 뭐야 — What was that cat popping out of nowhere?

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Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
갑툭튀	gap-tuk-twi
들보잡	deut-bo-jap
뇌피셜	noe-pi-syeol
그거 뇌피셜 아니야?	geugeo noe-pi-syeol aniya?

Self-Check

- 1 Say 갑툭튀 / 들보잡 / 뇌피셜 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
멘붕 / 핵 / 짱 / 꿀팁 Everyday Casual Slang	B1 Colloquial: compare 멘붕 / 핵 / 짱 / 꿀팁 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-SLG-001
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가성비 / 가심비 / 플렉스 / 득템 소비 세대의 신조어	B2 Colloquial: compare 가성비 / 가심비 / 플렉스 / 득템 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-SLG-003
국룰 / 인정 / 반박불가 Slang for Consensus and 'Can't Argue'	B2 Colloquial: compare 국룰 / 인정 / 반박불가 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-SLG-005

My Notes

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