



Korean Ladder Study Note

-(으)니까

Reason, Discovery, and Why It Isn't 아서/어서

Level	Topic	Focus
B1 · Intermediate TOPIK 3	Grammar Connectors	-(으)니까 Reason, Discovery, and Why It Isn't 아서/어서

Study Links

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<https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-CON-002>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8syto8Qlh4>

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Core Idea

Okay, real confession. Yesterday I told my friend 비가 와서 우산 가져가세요, and Hana kind of winced. It felt right to me. What happened?

그 마음 이해해요. The meaning was clear. 그런데 한국 사람은 조금 어색하게 느껴요 — it feels a little off when you attach a command to 아서/어서.

오늘의 답은 하나예요. Today's fix is one grammar point: -(으)니까. It's the connector built to justify a command or a suggestion.

먼저 모양부터 볼게요. Let's see the shape. 받침이 없으면 니까, 받침이 있으면 으니까 — no final consonant, add 니까; final consonant, add 으니까.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	밖에 비가 많이 오니까 조금 이따 나가요. —	It's raining hard outside, so let's leave a bit later.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	좋아요. 그럼 커피 한 잔 더 시킬까요? —	Good. Then shall we order one more coffee?
Hana	네. 여기 케이크가 맛있으니까 그것도 시켜요. —	Yes. The cake here is good, so let's order that too.
Junho	먹어 보니까 정말 맛있더라고요. —	Now that I've tried it, it really was delicious.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-(으)니까 -(eu)nikka	because / since — the reason behind a command or suggestion	오늘의 답은 하나예요. Today's fix is one grammar point: -(으)니까. It's the connector built to justify a command or a suggestion.
가다 → 가니까 · 먹다 → 먹으니까 gada → ganikka · meokda → meogeunikka	vowel stem + 니까 · consonant stem + 으니까	먼저 모양부터 볼게요. Let's see the shape. 받침이 없으면 니까, 받침이 있으면 으니까 — no final consonant, add 니까; final consonant, add 으니까.
이유 → 행동 iyu → haengdong	reason → do something about it	Let me reason it out. 비가 오니까 우산을 가져가세요 — the raining is my REASON, and 'take an umbrella' is what I want you to do. So 니까 is basically 'here's why — now act.'
니까 + 명령 / 제안 / 부탁 nikka + command / suggestion / request	니까 welcomes all three: 하세요, 해요, 해 주세요.	정확해요. 좋아요. That's exactly the feeling. 그래서 명령, 제안, 부탁이 모두 가능해요 — commands, suggestions, and requests all work behind 니까.
-아/어 보니까 -a/eo bonikka	when I tried or went and did it, I found that...	니까에는 두 번째 얼굴이 있어요. There's a second face to 니까: discovery. 가 보니까, 먹어 보니까 — when I actually went or tried, I noticed something.
아서/어서 → 이유 + 자연스러운 결과 aseo/eoseo → reason + natural result	cause → a result that just follows	좋은 질문이에요. 아서/어서는 이유와 결과가 자연스럽게 이어질 때만 써요 — it links a cause to a result that simply happens. 명령이나 제안은 결과가 아니에요.
☑ 비가 와서 우산 가져가세요 biga waseo usan gajyeogaseyo	☑ 아서/어서 cannot carry a command.	하지만 명령을 붙이면 무너져요. But attach a command and it collapses: 비가 와서 우산 가져가세요 — 어색해요. 아서/어서는 하세요, 합시다를 못 받쳐요.
이유 + 니까 → 행동 iyu + nikka → haengdong	reason + 니까 → an action to take	들으셨죠. 오니까 → 나가요, 맛있으니까 → 시켜요. 이유가 매번 행동을 밀어 줘요 — each reason pushes an action.



Grammar / Structure Notes

-(으)니까

-(으)니까 — because / since — the reason behind a command or suggestion

The 'do-something-about-it' because.

가다 → 가니까 · 먹다 → 먹으니까

가다 → 가니까 · 먹다 → 먹으니까 — vowel stem + 니까 · consonant stem + 으니까

≡ stems drop ≡: 살다 → 사니까.

[이유]-(으)니까, [명령/제안].

[이유]-(으)니까, [명령/제안]. — Since [reason], (please) do [action].

핵심 의미는 이거예요. The core meaning: since this is true, DO something. 이유가 앞에, 그리고 명령이나 제안이 뒤에 와요 — reason in front, command or suggestion behind.

비가 오니까 우산을 가져가세요.

비가 + 오 + 니까 + 우산을 + 가져가세요. — It's raining, so take an umbrella.

예문 하나. 비가 오니까 우산을 가져가세요. It's raining, so take an umbrella. 명령이 자연스럽게 — the command sits comfortably here.

피곤하니까 집에서 쉬어요.

피곤하 + 니까 + 집에서 + 쉬어요. — I'm tired, so let's rest at home.

또 하나. 피곤하니까 집에서 쉬어요. I'm tired, so let's rest at home. 제안도 잘 어울려요 — a suggestion fits just as well.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
시가니 업쓰니까 택시를 타요	sigani eopseunikka taeksireul tayo.
시간이 없으니까 택시를 타요.	sigani eopseunikka taeksireul tayo.
업쓰니까	eopseunikka

Self-Check

- 1 Say -(으)니까 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
는데 / Setting Up Background and Soft Contrast	B1 Grammar: compare 는데 / with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-GRAM-CON-001
-(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
-더라도 / -(으)더라도 Saying 'Even If' for Strong Concession	C1 Grammar: compare -더라도 / -(으)더라도 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-GRAM-CON-001

My Notes

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