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TOPIK 3 · B1 Intermediate

KOR-B1-VG-GRAM-CON-801

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-는 바람에 vs -는 덕분에

Good vs Bad Causes in Korean | TOPIK 2 Grammar · 토픽 문법

Use this printable study sheet with the Korean Ladder video and web lesson. Climb one clear rung at a time: understand the meaning of -는 바람에 vs -는 덕분에, hear how it sounds in context, then test yourself before moving to the next lesson.

01 · STUDY LINKS

Video, Website, and Path Links

Lesson on Korean Ladder: https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-VG-GRAM-CON-801 — interactive cards, study path position, and progress tracking

Watch the full video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PriXZWFQtCo — Korean Ladder video lesson (PriXZWFQtCo)

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02 · CORE EXPLANATION

What to Notice First

1. 안녕하세요, 여러분! Welcome back to Korean Ladder. Today in TOPIK two grammar for level three, we are looking at two essential connectors for causes: the ending 는 바람에 and the ending 는 덕분에.

2. 반갑습니다, 지호입니다. Both of these expressions mean 'because of,' 하지만 결과의 분위기가 완전히 달라요. Getting them right is one of the fastest ways to boost your TOPIK two grammar score.

3. Here is a question we hear all the time. If you want to say 'Because it rained, I missed the bus,' or 'Because my friend helped, I finished early,' can you use the same word for 'because' in Korean?

4. 좋은 질문이에요. In basic Korean, you can use 아서 or 어서 for both. 하지만 중급에서는 그 일이 안 좋은 사고였는지, 고마운 일이었는지 바로 보여 줘야 해요.

03 · KEY KOREAN LINES

Core Pattern & Example Bank

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
Same 'because' for bad accidents and good help?	버스 놓침 (Missed bus) vs. 일찍 끝남 (Finished early)	Hook
뉘앙스 차이: 사고 vs. 감사	Unexpected trouble vs. Grateful credit	Hook
-는 바람에 (부정) / -는 덕분에 (긍정)	because of (bad result) / thanks to (good result)	Pattern
원인 (Cause) + 결과의 분위기 (Mood of Result)	Check the final clause: negative or positive?	Pattern
늦잠을 자는 바람에 기차를 놓쳤어요. Neutjameul janeun barame gichareul nochyeosseoyo.	Because I overslept, I missed the train.	늦잠 + 을 + 자 + 는 바람에 + 기차 + 를 + 놓쳤어요.

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Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
갑자기 비가 오는 바람에 옷이 다 젖었어요. Gapjagi biga oneun barame osi da jeojeosseoyo.	Because it suddenly rained, my clothes got all wet.	갑자기 + 비 + 가 + 오 + 는 바람에 + 옷 + 이 + 다 + 젖었어요.
친구가 도와주는 덕분에 이사를 빨리 끝냈어요. Chinguga dowajuneun deokbune isareul ppalli kkeunnaesseoyo.	Thanks to my friend helping, I finished moving quickly.	친구 + 가 + 도와주 + 는 덕분에 + 이사 + 를 + 빨리 + 끝냈어요.

04 · SPOKEN CONTEXT

Mini Dialogue & Listening Cue

Jiho	수아 씨, 오늘 아침에 왜 그렇게 급하게 뛰어왔어요? Sua, why did you run in such a hurry this morning?
Sua	지하철이 연착되는 바람에 회의에 늦을 뻔했어요. Because the subway was delayed, I almost missed the meeting.
Jiho	아, 정말 놀랐겠네요. 그래도 제시간에 도착했네요? Oh, you must have been stressed. Still, you arrived on time?
Sua	네, 지호 씨가 미리 자료를 준비해 준 덕분에 바로 발표할 수 있었어요. Yes, thanks to you preparing the materials in advance, I could present right away.

05 · SELF-CHECK

Quick Practice & Answer Key

Prompt: 갑자기 폭우가 ( ) 야외 콘서트가 취소되었다.

- A. 내리는 바람에
- B. 내리는 덕분에
- C. 내리기 위해서

1. Cover the English column above and translate each Korean expression aloud.
2. Write two personal sentences using -는 바람에 vs -는 덕분에 (Good vs Bad Causes in Korean | TOPIK 2 Grammar · 토픽 문법).
3. Watch the YouTube video once without pausing, then repeat the key lines with the teachers.

Answer key: A: 갑자기 폭우가 내리는 바람에 야외 콘서트가 취소되었다. — 갑자기 (suddenly) + 취소되었다 (canceled, negative past result) points directly to -는 바람에.

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06 · NEXT RUNGS

Related / Subsequent Studies

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-(으)ㄹ 뿐만 아니라 and -는 데다가 — TOPIK II Grammar | Korean Ladder — (으)ㄹ 뿐만 아니라 and -는 데다가 — TOPIK II Grammar | Korean Ladder Vocabulary & Grammar › Grammar › Sentence Endings	**B2 · TOPIK 4**	Web lesson · YouTube video · Study PDF
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