



FREE LESSON STUDY NOTE · RICH TRANSCRIPT STUDY SHEET

TOPIK Speaking Task 2

Role-Play a Polite Refusal | 말하기 · Korean Ladder

Use this printable study sheet with the Korean Ladder video and web lesson. Climb one clear rung at a time: understand the meaning of TOPIK Speaking Task 2, 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-B2-SPK-2-001> — interactive cards, study path position, and progress tracking

Watch the full video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmSAk8kCZQQ> — Korean Ladder video lesson (kmSAk8kCZQQ)

Download / share this PDF: <https://www.koreanladder.com/assets/lesson-notes/kor-b2-spk-2-001.pdf> — direct study-note link

Continue this study path: https://www.koreanladder.com/paths.html#korean_ladder_intermediate_speaking — Korean_Ladder_Intermediate_Speaking

02 · CORE EXPLANATION

What to Notice First

- 안녕하세요, 여러분! Welcome back to Korean Ladder. Today we are tackling TOPIK Speaking Task 2, where you look at a picture situation, refuse a request politely, and offer a clear alternative.
- 반갑습니다, 지호입니다. Task 2 is all about social appropriateness at the TOPIK 4 level. 단순히 안 된다고만 말하면 점수를 받기 어려워요. You have to cushion the refusal, explain why, and keep the relationship warm.
- 그게 핵심이에요. Many learners freeze when they see two pictures on the screen. 하지만 그림 두 장의 역할은 아주 명확해요. Picture one gives you the other person's request, and picture two shows your schedule conflict or reason.
- Right. If you follow a four-step flow, thirty seconds of prep time is plenty. 먼저 공감하거나 아쉬움을 표현하고, 그림 속 이유를 말한 뒤에, 거절하고 대안을 제시하면 됩니다. Let's look at today's exam prompt right away.

03 · KEY KOREAN LINES

Core Pattern & Example Bank

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
그림 1: 상대방의 부탁 · 그림 2: 나의 사정	사과와 공감 → 이유 설명 → 정중한 거절 → 구체적인 대안	Hook

Korean	Meaning & cue	How to study it
<p>신입생 환영회 발표 준비 때문에 많이 바쁘지요? 정말 도와주고 싶은데 미안해서 어떡하지요? 이번 주 금요일 오후 네 시에는 지도교수님하고 면담 약속이 이미 잡혀 있거든요. 게다가 면담이 끝난 뒤에는 미리 예약해 둔 치과 진료도 받으러 가야 해서 그 시간에는 도저히 시간을 내기가 어려울 것 같아요. 대신 토요일 오전 열 시에는 다른 일정이 없어서 시간이 괜찮은데 그때 만나서 같이 준비하는 건 어때요? 만약 금요일에 먼저 확인해야 할 발표 자료가 있다면 이메일로 보내 주세요. 제가 금요일 저녁에 꼼꼼히 읽어 보고 의견을 정리해 갈게요.</p>	<p>You must be very busy preparing the freshman welcome presentation, right? I really want to help, so I feel bad. This Friday at 4 p.m., I already have an appointment with my advisor. Plus, after the meeting, I have to go to a pre-booked dental appointment, so it will be really hard to make time then. Instead, I have no other plans on Saturday at 10 a.m., so how about meeting then to prepare together? If there are presentation materials you need checked on Friday first, please email them to me. I will read them carefully Friday evening and bring my feedback.</p>	Model Answer
<p>미안해요. 금요일 오후 네 시에 안 돼요. 교수님 만나요. 그리고 치과에 가요. 그래서 못 도와줘요. 토요일 오전 열 시에 만나요.</p>	<p>Weaker response: Sorry. Friday at 4 p.m. doesn't work. I meet my professor. And I go to the dentist. So I can't help. Let's meet Saturday at 10 a.m.</p>	Dialogue (Jiho)
<p>정말 도와주고 싶은데 미안해서 어떡하지요? 금요일 오후 네 시에는 교수님 면담이 있는 데다가 치과 진료까지 예약되어 있어서 시간을 내기가 어려울 것 같아요. 대신 토요일 오전 열 시는 괜찮은데 그때 같이 준비하는 건 어때요?</p>	<p>Upgraded response: I really want to help, so I feel bad. On Friday at 4 p.m., on top of having a meeting with my professor, I also have a dental appointment booked, so it will be hard to make time. Instead, Saturday at 10 a.m. works, so how about preparing together then?</p>	Dialogue (Sua)
<p>-고 싶은데 미안해서 어떡하지요? -go sipeunde mianhaeseo eotteokajiyo?</p>	<p>I really want to ..., so what should I do, I feel so sorry</p>	Pattern
<p>-는 데다가 -neun dedaga</p>	<p>on top of doing / in addition to ...</p>	Pattern
<p>-기가 어려울 것 같아요 -giga eoryeoul geot gatayo</p>	<p>I think it will be difficult to ...</p>	Pattern

04 · SPOKEN CONTEXT

Mini Dialogue & Listening Cue

Jiho	<p>미안해요. 금요일 오후 네 시에 안 돼요. 교수님 만나요. 그리고 치과에 가요. 그래서 못 도와줘요. 토요일 오전 열 시에 만나요.</p> <p>Weaker response: Sorry. Friday at 4 p.m. doesn't work. I meet my professor. And I go to the dentist. So I can't help. Let's meet Saturday at 10 a.m.</p>
Sua	<p>정말 도와주고 싶은데 미안해서 어떡하지요? 금요일 오후 네 시에는 교수님 면담이 있는 데다가 치과 진료까지 예약되어 있어서 시간을 내기가 어려울 것 같아요. 대신 토요일 오전 열 시는 괜찮은데 그때 같이 준비하는 건 어때요?</p> <p>Upgraded response: I really want to help, so I feel bad. On Friday at 4 p.m., on top of having a meeting with my professor, I also have a dental appointment booked, so it will be hard to make time. Instead, Saturday at 10 a.m. works, so how about preparing together then?</p>

05 • SELF-CHECK

Quick Practice & Answer Key

Prompt: When do you use TOPIK Speaking Task 2 in a natural B2 Korean sentence?

- A. Use TOPIK Speaking Task 2 when expressing: Role-Play a Polite Refusal | 말하기 • Korean Ladder.
- B. Say the Korean sentence aloud and check the particle/ending attachment.
- C. Model sentence: 그림 1: 상대방의 부탁 • 그림 2: 나의 사정

1. Cover the English column above and translate each Korean expression aloud.
2. Write two personal sentences using TOPIK Speaking Task 2 (Role-Play a Polite Refusal | 말하기 • Korean Ladder).
3. Watch the YouTube video once without pausing, then repeat the key lines with the teachers.

Answer key: Core target: TOPIK Speaking Task 2 — Role-Play a Polite Refusal | 말하기 • Korean Ladder — Check the meaning, attachment rule, and register before producing your own sentence.

06 • NEXT RUNGS

Related / Subsequent Studies

Lesson	Level	Where to study next
TOPIK Speaking Task 1 — Answer with a Reason and an Example 말하기 • Korean Ladder Speaking › Task 1	B1 • TOPIK 3	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF
TOPIK Speaking Task 1 — Answer a Personal Question 말하기 • Korean Ladder Speaking › Task 1	A1 • TOPIK 1	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF
TOPIK Speaking Task 3 — Narrate a Picture Story with Rich Connectors 말하기 • Korean Ladder Speaking › Task 3	C1 • TOPIK 5	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF
-더니 vs -았더니/였더니 — TOPIK II Grammar Korean Ladder — 더니 vs -았더니/였더니 — TOPIK II Grammar Korean Ladder Vocabulary & Grammar › Grammar › Connectors	B2 • TOPIK 4	Web lesson • YouTube video • Study PDF

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