



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# -다는 게 / -라는 거 / -다니까

## Spoken Reductions of Reported Speech

Level	Topic	Focus
C1 · Advanced TOPIK 5	Colloquial Contractions	-다는 게 / -라는 거 / -다니까 Spoken Reductions of Reported Speech

## Study Links

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk6vbfvwy28>

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## Core Idea

Okay, real talk. I learned **다고 해요** for reported speech. But in a K-drama I heard **없다는 게, 학생이라는 거, 갔다니까** — and my textbook forms just... vanished. What happened?

Right — it feels like three totally new endings. Are those even related to reported speech, or is this a whole new monster?

좋은 질문이에요. 사실은 monster가 아니에요. It's the SAME grammar, just squeezed. Fast speech crushes **다고 하는 것** down to **다는 거**. Today we un-squeeze it.

왜 중요할까요? Why does it matter — because Koreans almost never say the long form in conversation. **다는 거** is the DEFAULT in real talk. **모르면 안 들려요**. If you don't know it, you can't hear it.

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	너 지금 어디야? 회의 시작한다니까. —	Where are you? The meeting's starting, I'm telling you.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	다 왔어. 차가 막힌다는 게 진짜 문제야. —	Almost there. The real problem is that traffic's jammed.
Hana	네가 늦는다는 걸 팀장님이 아셔. —	The team lead knows that you're late.
Junho	알아, 안다니까. 이 분이면 도착이라니까요. —	I know, I'm telling you I know. One minute and I'm there, I swear.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
-다고 하는 것 → -다는 거 -dago haneun geot → -daneun geo	"the thing that (someone) says is" → compressed	좋은 질문이에요. 사실은 monster가 아니에요. It's the SAME grammar, just squeezed. Fast speech crushes <b>다고 하는 것</b> down to <b>다는 거</b> . Today we un-squeeze it.
-다는 거 = 일상 회화의 기본 -daneun geo = ilsang hoehwa-ui giban	-다는 거 is the everyday-conversation default	왜 중요할까요? Why does it matter — because Koreans almost never say the long form in conversation. <b>다는 거</b> is the DEFAULT in real talk. 모르면 안 들려요. If you don't know it, you can't hear it.
게 = 것이 ge = geos-i	게 is the fused form of <b>것</b> + <b>이</b>	여기서 <b>없다는 게</b> = <b>없다고 하는 것이</b> . The <b>게</b> is <b>것이</b> fused together — it's the SUBJECT of the sentence. <b>없다는 것이</b> → <b>없다는 게</b> .
없다고 하는 것이 → 없다는 게 eopda-go haneun geos-i → eopdaneun ge	Delete <b>고 하</b> , fuse <b>다+는</b> , contract <b>것이</b> → <b>게</b>	So let me reason it out. Long form: <b>없다고 하는 것이</b> . We delete <b>고 하</b> , glue <b>다</b> to <b>는</b> , and <b>것이</b> becomes <b>게</b> . That's how we land on <b>없다는 게</b> . Do I have that right?
간다는 · 먹는다는 · 없다는 · 크다는 gandaneun · meongneundaneun · eopdaneun · keudaneun	verb vs. adjective plain quote + <b>는</b>	완벽해요. 바로 그거예요. And notice — the <b>다</b> changes with the word type. Verbs: <b>간다는</b> , <b>먹는다는</b> . Adjectives: <b>없다는</b> , <b>크다는</b> . It follows the plain-form quotation rules you already know.
명사·이다·명령 → 라는 / 동사·형용사 → 다는 myeongsa·ida·mye ongnyeong → raneun / dongsa·hye ongyongsa → daneun	라는 for nouns/이다/commands; 다는 for verbs/adjectives	정리하면. Nouns and <b>이다</b> use <b>라는</b> . Everything else — verbs, adjectives — uses <b>다는</b> . And commands also go <b>라는</b> , from <b>하라고</b> . So <b>조용히 하라는 거예요?</b> = "You're saying be quiet?"
다는 vs 라는 daneun vs raneun	action/description vs. identity/command	Got it. <b>다는</b> for actions and descriptions, <b>라는</b> for "is a [noun]" and orders. That's a clean line.



Word	Meaning	Example
-다니까(요) -danikka(yo)	"I'm telling you ____" — insisting / mild frustration	이제 세 번째. Now the third one — 다니까. This is where it gets emotional. 갔다고 하니까 → 갔다니까. It means "I'm TELLING you (it/I did)." 강조하거나 답답할 때 써요.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### -다고 하는 것 → -다는 거

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Same meaning. Spoken speed just deletes 고 하 and fuses the rest.

### -다는 거 = 일상 회화의 기본

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The full 다고 하는 것 sounds stiff and slow out loud.

### 시간이 없다는 게 문제예요.

시간이 + 없다는 + 게 + 문제예요. — The problem is that there's no time.

예문 볼게요. Here's a real sentence. 시간이 없다는 게 문제예요. In English — "The problem is that there's no time."

### 게 = 것이

게 = 것이 — 게 is the fused form of 것 + subject 이

거 = 것 alone; 게 = 것이 (subject); 걸 = 것을 (object).

### 매일 운동한다는 게 대단해요.

매일 + 운동한다는 + 게 + 대단해요. — The fact that (he) works out every day is impressive.

하나 더요. 개가 매일 운동한다는 게 진짜 대단해요. "The fact that he works out every day is really impressive." 다는 게 = "the fact that / the thing that."

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
시작한다니까요	hoe-ui sijakhandanikkayo
막힌다는 게	cha-ga makhindaneun ge munje-ya

## Self-Check

- 1 Say -다는 게 / -라는 거 / -다니까 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
-ㄹ 거야 / -는 거지 / -ㄴ 걸 Spoken Contractions of 것	B2 Colloquial: compare -ㄹ 거야 / -는 거지 / -ㄴ 걸 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-CTR-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B2-COLLOQ-CTR-001</a>
그럼 / 근데 / 그치 Spoken Shortcuts for 그러면 · 그런데 · 그렇지	B1 Colloquial: compare 그럼 / 근데 / 그치 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-CTR-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-B1-COLLOQ-CTR-001</a>
뭐예요 / 거예요 Everyday Korean Contractions	A2 Colloquial: compare 뭐예요 / 거예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-COLLOQ-CTR-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-COLLOQ-CTR-001</a>
꼰대 / 라떼는 말이야 / 갑질 Slang About Generations and Power	C1 Colloquial: compare 꼰대 / 라떼는 말이야 / 갑질 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-COLLOQ-SLG-003">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-C1-COLLOQ-SLG-003</a>

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