



## Korean Ladder Study Note

# -는 셈이다 / -기 마련이다 / -는 법이다

## Endings for Generalizing and Concluding

Level	Topic	Focus
C1 · Advanced TOPIK 5	Grammar Sentence Endings	-는 셈이다 / -기 마련이다 / -는 법이다 Endings for Generalizing and Concluding

## Study Links

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## Core Idea

Here is my problem. I can say 그래서, but my Korean still sounds like a list of facts, not a thoughtful conclusion.

So if I say 비가 많이 와요, 그래서 길이 막혀요, it is correct, but it can feel too plain in an essay.

맞아요. C1에서는 사실을 말한 뒤에, 그래서 어떤 결론이 되는지까지 말해야 해요. In English, you show what the facts amount to.

오늘의 핵심 질문은 이거예요. Is it a calculated conclusion, a natural tendency, or a general rule?

## Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	마감 전에 자료를 두 번이나 확인했으니, 실수는 거의 줄인 셈이에요. —	Since we checked the materials twice before the deadline, we have practically reduced the mistakes.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	그래도 급하게 하면 빠뜨리는 부분이 생기 마련이에요. —	Still, when you rush, missing something is bound to happen.
Hana	맞아요. 중요한 일일수록 천천히 확인하는 법이에요. —	Right. The more important the work is, the more you check it slowly.

## Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
결국 그런 셈이에요 gyeolguk geureon semieyo	In the end, it amounts to that	맞아요. C1에서는 사실을 말한 뒤에, 그래서 어떤 결론이 되는지까지 말해야 해요. In English, you show what the facts amount to.
-는 셈이다 -neun semida	it amounts to doing / it is practically doing	첫 번째는 -는 셈이에요. It means, in effect, it amounts to this, based on what we just said.
-기 마련이다 -gi maryeonida	be bound to / naturally tend to	두 번째는 -기 마련이에요. It says something naturally tends to happen, almost as an expected result.
-는 법이다 -neun beobida	that is how things work / it is a rule that	세 번째는 -는 법이에요. It presents a general rule, lesson, or principle about life or behavior.
셈이다 · 마련이다 · 법이다 semida · maryeonida · beobida	amounts to · is bound to · is the way things are	So 셈이다 is more like a conclusion from evidence, 마련이다 is natural tendency, and 법이다 is a broader rule.
사실상 시간을 낭비하는 셈입니다 sasilssang siganeul nangbihaneun semimnida	In effect, it amounts to wasting time	여기서는 실제로 시간을 버린다고 직접 말하기보다, 상황을 종합해서 그런 결론을 내리는 거예요. In effect, it is wasting time.
조건이 그러면 그렇게 되기 마련이다 jogeoni geureomyeon geureoke doegi maryeonida	When the conditions are like that, it naturally happens	마련이다는 누가 일부러 만든 결과가 아니라, 조건이 그러면 자연스럽게 그렇게 된다는 느낌입니다.
배우는 법이에요 baeuneun beobieyo	that is how one learns	That one sounds almost like a proverb. People learn by making mistakes. That is just how it works.



## Grammar / Structure Notes

### 결국 그런 셈이에요

결국 그런 셈이에요 — In the end, it amounts to that

Use a conclusion ending when the evidence points somewhere.

### -는 셈이다

-는 셈이다 — it amounts to doing / it is practically doing

A conclusion drawn from evidence or calculation.

### -기 마련이다

-기 마련이다 — be bound to / naturally tend to

A predictable tendency from how things work.

### -는 법이다

-는 법이다 — that is how things work / it is a rule that

Often sounds proverbial, instructive, or reflective.

### 셈이다 · 마련이다 · 법이다

셈이다 · 마련이다 · 법이다 — amounts to · is bound to · is the way things are

Same neighborhood, different logic.

## Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
결국 시간을 아끼는 셈이에요.	gyeolguk siganeul akkineun semieyo
오래 미루면 부담이 커지기 마련이에요.	orae mirumyeon budami keojigi maryeonieyo
중요한 말은 다시 확인하는 법이에요.	jungyohan mareun dasi hwaginhaneun beobieyo

## Self-Check

- 1 Say -는 셈이다 / -기 마련이다 / -는 법이다 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
-(으)르까요? / -(으)브시다 Suggesting and Proposing Together	A1 Grammar: compare -(으)르까요? / -(으)브시다 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-003">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-003</a>
고 싶어요 Saying What You Want to Do	A2 Grammar: compare 고 싶어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-END-001</a>
이에요 / 예요 Saying What Something Is	A1 Grammar: compare 이예요 / 예요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-001">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-001</a>
있어요 / 없어요 There Is / There Isn't	A1 Grammar: compare 있어요 / 없어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson <a href="https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-002">https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-GRAM-END-002</a>

## My Notes

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