



# Korean Language Class

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# The Ending: Past Tense Marker

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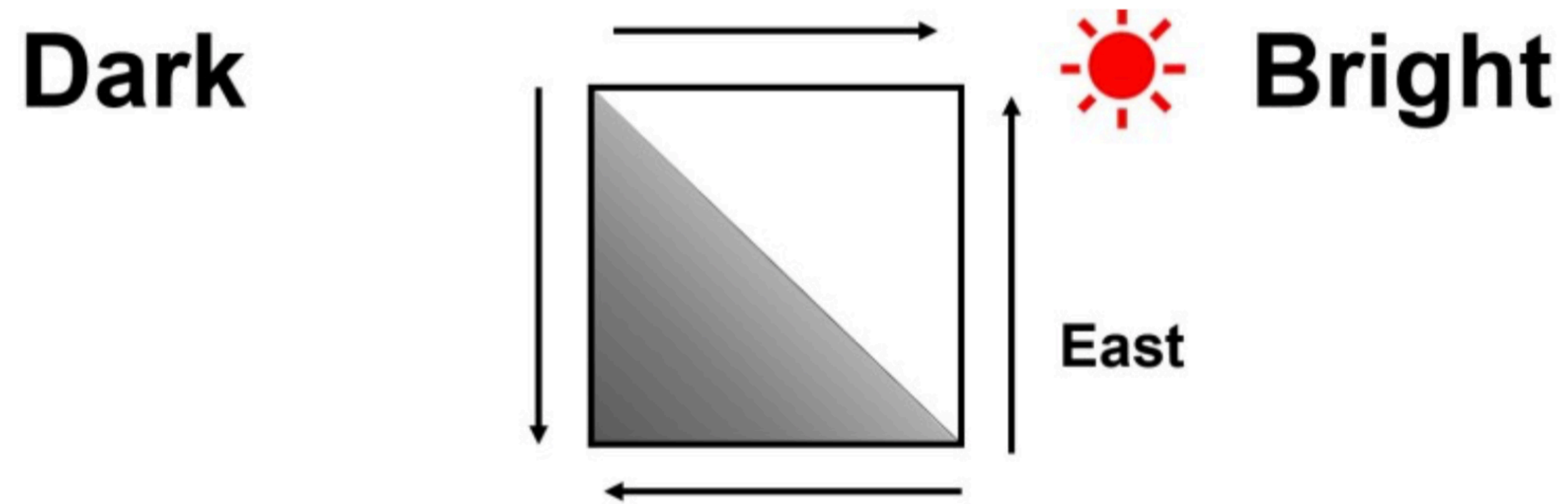
- [Review]
- **Final Endings** include various speech level  
ex) **어요/아요** [-eo yo/ a yo]
- **Pre-final endings** are inflectional elements  
come between stem and the final ending  
ex) **-(으)시** honorific suffix [- (eu) si] : 가르치**시**다 teach [ga-leu-chi-si-da]  
**-었/았** past tense marker [-eot / at]

## The **pre-final ending** 았/았

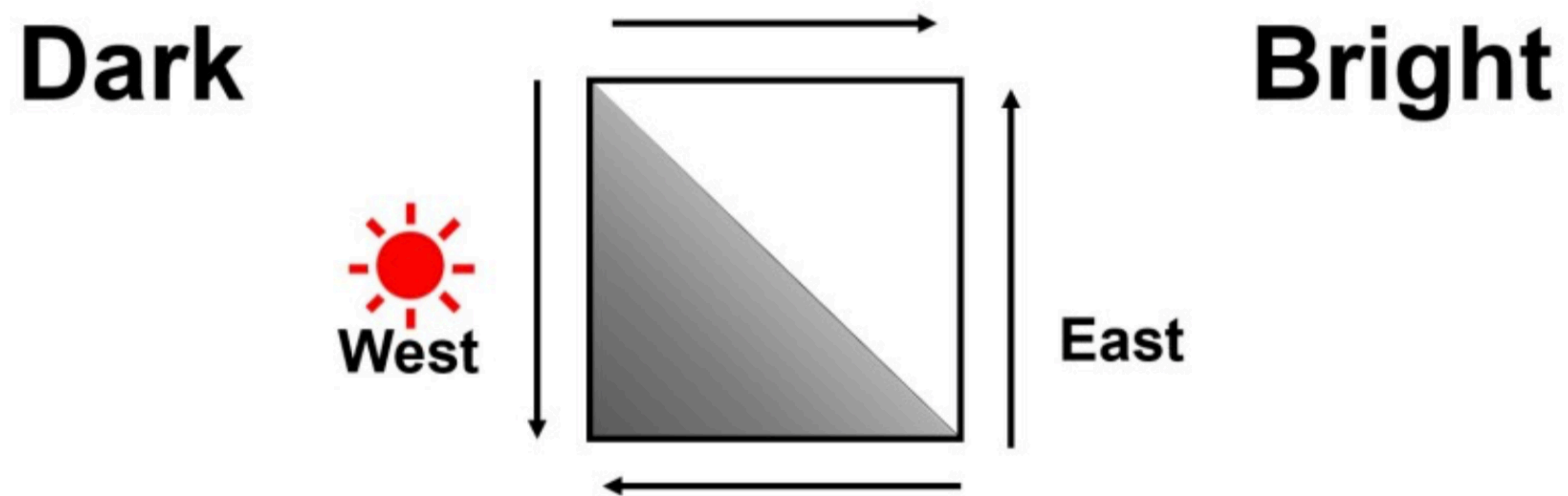
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- The past tense marker
- Two different form depending on which **vowel** it is
  1. stems end with **a bright** vowel → 았 [at]  
ex) **아** [a] / **오** [o] → 았 [at]
  2. stems end with **all other** vowels → 았 [eot]  
ex) **으** [e] / **어** [eo] / **이** [i] etc → 았 [eot]

It is based on the order of nature. The sun rises from the East, and going up.



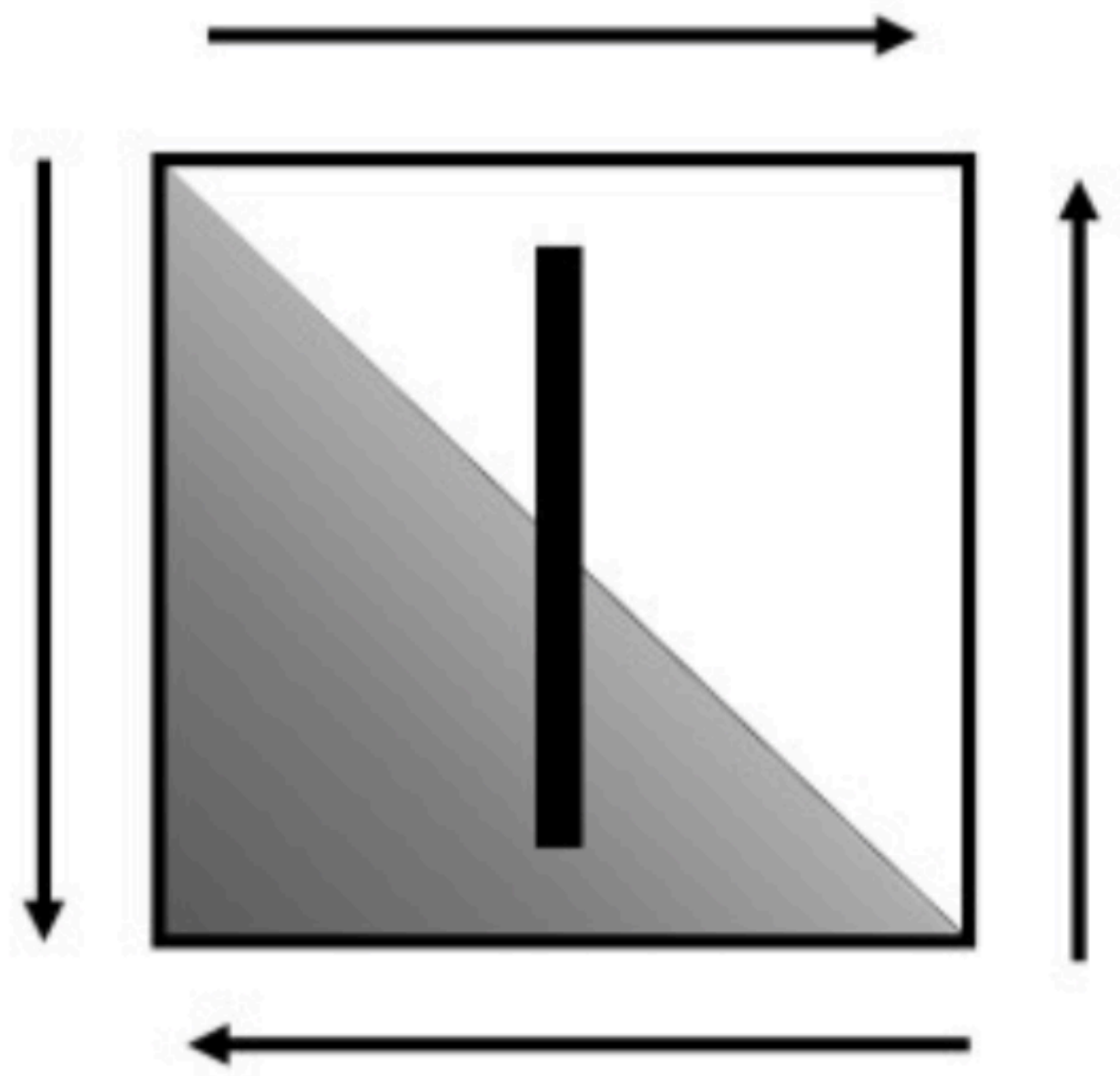
And when the sun sets, it is going to the west and down.



So ɪ, ɨ are bright vowels, and ɨ, ɤ are dark vowels, and —, | are natural vowels.

**Dark**

┆ T



**Neutral**

— |

**Bright**

┆ ⊥

# The combination with **pre-final ending** **었/았** and **-(으)시**

- **선생님이 영어를 가르치셨어요** Teacher **taught** English  
[Seon saeng ni mi yeong eo leul ga reu chi syeo sseo yo]
- **가르치** stem of verb + **시** honorific suffix + **었** past tense marker + **어요** speech level ending  
[ga reu chi] [si] [eot] [eo yo]
- **시** honorific suffix + **었** past tense marker = **셨**

Verb stem	Past	Polite speech level ending
가 [ga] "go"	았 [at]	어요 [eo yo]= 갔어요 [ga sseo yo] "went" (from 가았어요)
오 [o] "come"	았 [at]	어요 [eo yo]= 왔어요 [wa sseo yo] "came" (from 오았어요)
보 [bo] "see"	았 [at]	어요 [eo yo]= 봤어요 [bwa sseo yo] "saw" (from 보았어요)
받 [bat] "receive"	았 [at]	어요 [eo yo]= 받았어요 [ba da sseo yo] "received"
먹 [meug] "eat"	었 [eot]	어요 [eo yo]= 먹었어요 [meu geo sseo yo] "ate"

- 가 [ga] stem of verb + **았** [at] past tense marker + **어요** [eo yo] speech level ending  
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## How to combine **pre-final ending** **었/았**

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1. **ㅏ / ㅑ + **었/았** → **same****

ex) 가 go + **았** → 갔 went

2. **ㅓ / ㅕ + **었/았** → **웠/웠** **왔/왔**. **웠****

ex) 배우 learn + **었** → 배웠 learned

주 give + **었** → 줬 gave

3. **ㅡ + **었/았** → ( **ㅡ omission** ) **었/았****

ex) 끄 turn off + **었** → 껐 turned off

4. **| + **었** → **이었/였****

ex) 이 be + **었** → **이었** was, were

먹이 feed + **었** → **먹였** fed

5. But still exception ex) 하 do + **았** → **했** did



Exercise 1. Fill out the blanks with proper answers in Korean

Verb stem	Past <b>었/았</b>	Polite speech level ending <b>어요</b>
크 [keu] "big"	었	크+었+어요= 크었어요 = 컸어요
배우 [bae u] "learn"	었	배우+었+어요=배웠어요

매 + 었 + 다 = 댔다

Exercise 2. Change the following sentence into past tense and translate the sentences into English.

1) 넥타이를 매다. "wear a tie" [neg ta l leul mae da] → I wore a tie > 넥타이를 댔다

2) 아침 8시에 해가 뜨다. "The sun rises at 8 in the morning" [a chim 8 si e hae ga tteu da] → \_\_\_\_\_

뜨 + 었 + 다 = 났다

아침 8시에 해가 났다 > The sun rose at 8 in the morning

## Two kinds of Korean past tense represents

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- Something did happen in the past + the condition of an action or event completed
- **집에 왔어요** [ji ba wa sseo yo]  
came home + I am home now (as a result of the complete action of coming home)
- **바지를 입었어요** [ba ji leul i beo sseo yo]  
wore a pants + I am wearing a pants (as a result of the complete action of wearing pants)

Exercise 3. Look at the following sentence and write two corresponding interpretations in English

(1) 커피를 마셨어요. [keo pi leul ma syeo sseo yo]

→ I drunk coffee / I am drinking coffee

I completed to drinking coffee

(2) 한국어 숙제를 했어요. [han gug eo su eob sug je leul hae sseo yo]

→ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**I did the homework for the Korean lessons**

**I am doing homework for the Korean class.**

I finished to doing homework for the Korean class.

# Vocabulary

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- 선생님 [seon-saeng-nim] teacher
- 아침 [a-chim] breakfast
- 점심 [jeom-sim] lunch
- 저녁 [jeo-nyeog] dinner, evening
- 해 [hae] the sun
- 집 [jib] house, home
- 바지 [ba-ji] pants
- 커피 [keo-pi] coffee
- 어제 [eo-je] yesterday
- 영화 [yeong-hwa] movie
- 친구 [chin-gu] friend
- 강도 [gang-do] robber / robbery
- 시민 [si-min] citizen
- 인질 [in-jil] hostage
- 도둑질 [do-dug-jil] theft / rob
- 요리하다 [yo-li-ha-da] cook

# Vocabulary

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- 수업 [su-eob] class course lesson
- 숙제 [sug-je] homework, assignment
- 밥 [bab] rice, meal, food
- 영어 [yeong-eo] English
- 넥타이 [neg-ta-i] necktie

## Conversation 3

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- 하윤 : 너 어제 뭐 **했**어?

[neo eo-je mwo haess-eo?]

Hayun : What did you do yesterday?

- 민준 : 친구**랑** 집에서 저녁 **먹고** 영화 **봤**어

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Minjun : I had dinner at home with a friend and watched a movie.

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Hayun : Really? Which movie did you watch.

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Minjun : I watched an action movie that robbers took citizens as hostages and steal money, but it wasn't as good as I thought.
- 하윤 : 그렇구나. 밥은 맛있었어?  
[geu-leoh-gu-na. bab-eun mas-iss-eoss-eo?]  
Hayun : I see. How was the meal?
- 민준 : 정말 맛있었어. 다음에 내가 요리해 줄게 !  
[jeong-mal mas-iss-eoss-eo. da-eum-e nae-ga yo-li-hae jul-ge !]  
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- Situation + **는데** + sentences



this sentences uses to explain, ask, request, suggest for this situation

ex) 배고**픈데** 안배고파? I am hungry, but aren't you hungry ?

ex) 방이 더러운**데** 방 좀 치울래? The room is so messy so would you like to clean?

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