

Lesson 36: 그러면

In this lesson, you will learn how to use the adverb **그러면**. **그러면** has 3 main usages which are to express a conditional statement, to express acceptance of a condition, and to finish off a conversation. This may sound confusing, but don't worry. We will show you lots of examples to help you understand.

KEY INFORMATION

그러면 = Adverb that means 'if so / in that case / then'.

그럼 = Shortened form of **그러면**

Usage 1: Express a condition

Usage 2: Express acceptance of a condition

Usage 3: Finish a conversation.

그러면, which is often shortened to **그럼**, means 'if so', 'in that case', or 'then' in Korean. **그러면** is used to connect two sentences and so it is always placed at the start of the 2nd sentence.

Usage 1:

그러면 is used to express a statement that is conditional on the preceding sentence. When using **그러면** in this way, the preceding sentence is usually an imperative sentence or a suggestion. Here are some examples:

택시를 탈까요? **그러면** 안 늦을 거예요.

= Shall we take a taxi? Then you won't be late.

사전을 찾아보세요. **그럼** 단어 뜻을 알 수 있어요.

= Look it up in the dictionary. Then you can understand the meaning of the word.

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Usage 2:

그러면 is also used to express your acceptance of the preceding sentence. When using 그러면 in this way, 그러면 is then followed by your own comment. Here are some examples:

회의 준비를 다 했어요? 그러면 회의를 시작할까요?

= *Did you finish preparing for the meeting? Shall we start the meeting, then?*

A: 갑자기 배가 아파요.

= *My stomach suddenly hurts.*

B: 그럼 이 약을 드세요.

= *Take this medicine, then.*

Usage 3:

그러면 can also be used when finishing off a conversation. To help you understand what we mean, check the examples below.

A: 내일 오후 2시에 만날까요?

= *Shall we meet at 2 pm tomorrow?*

B: 좋아요! 그럼 내일 봐요.

= *Okay. See you tomorrow, then.*

A: 감사합니다. 안녕히 계세요.

= *Thank you. Goodbye.*

B: 아니에요. 그럼 다음에 봐요.

= *You're welcome. See you next time, then.*

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Example Sentences

실례지만 우체국이 어디에 있어요?

= Excuse me, but where is the post office?

여기에서 왼쪽으로 가세요. 그러면 편의점 옆에 있을 거예요.

= Go left from here. Then it will be next to the convenience store.

오늘 시간이 없어요.

= I don't have time today.

오늘도 바빠요? 그럼 언제 만날 수 있어요?

= You are busy today, too? Then when can we meet?

배고파요.

= I'm hungry.

그럼 떡볶이 어때요?

= How about tteokbokki, then?

오늘 수업 끝났어요. 그럼 다음 시간에 봐요!

= That's the end of the lesson. See you next time, then.