



# February Interviews

Interviewee: Lili

Capacity: Club Member

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**Hello Lili, how are you today?**

I'm good, thanks!

**Okay, that's great! We are here today to interview as a member of the Song Analysis club. To start off, could you please introduce yourself?**

Hello! I'm Lili, a member of Song Analysis Club.

**Okay, well, hi Lili. So, how long have you been in this club?**

Hmm I can't remember. For quite a few months now I believe.

**Okay, that's a couple of good months. What has kept your coming back to song analysis club meetings and remaining in the club each month?**

I love SAC (Song Analysis Club). For me, it's a great boost to my language learning journey.

**That's great. So, how has the environment been in the club and its meetings?**

Within SAC, it's really cool to discuss and hear everyone's thoughts during the sessions. Everyone's really encouraging and open to sharing, and I gain new insights after each session.

**Oh, that's great then. So I noticed you are only in two clubs. Why did you choose this club, when there are so many others to choose from?**



I'm ARMY, and it was so lovely to find and join this club! The content's great, and you get to learn new vocab and grammar points too.

**Oh, okay. Well, that's good to hear. So what would you say is your favorite thing about the club?**

I look forward to the sessions - it's cool to have a community to talk about the songs together, and I also enjoy the materials that are put together relating to the song of the week (kudos to the club leadership team for their hard work!).

**Well I'm sure the club leadership would like to hear this. Soo, what is a fun memory you have in this club?**

I think it was during the 'JITB (Jack in the Box)' release - I was quite busy then, and I heard the song for the first time on SAC . After the session, I thought - 'OMG, *I have to go listen to the entire album now.*'

**[chuckles] And did you end up liking the full album?**

Yeah of course!

**Did you guys end up doing the whole album during the same month?**

We couldn't cover all the songs. There was also an option to write about other songs in the assignments if we wanted to.

**Ohh okay! , well that sounds good, so you like with the assignments you guys ended up getting all the songs. So, which of the songs did you do during the 'Jack in the Box' release?**

I believe it was 'Arson' and 'Stop'.

**So, for how long have you been on this server for?**

I joined the server in November of 2021.



**Wow, that is quite a long time. You've been here for years now.**

**So, was Song Analysis your first club then?**

I can't remember if it was the first ever club. I tried other clubs before as well.

**Oh okay. So, you are in '2nd Grade' right now. Have you always been 2nd Grade?**

Yep I was in 2nd Grade when I joined. Unfortunately my level has stayed stagnant.

**Did you take the test again?**

Yes I did. But my level didn't change...

**Well, do you feel like the server has helped you to develop your Korean knowledge?**

Language learning can be difficult and hard to stick to at times. Having various forms of exposure to the language (e.g. clubs). I think it really helps to keep the motivation there.

**Oh okay, that's great to hear. So, do you think the song analysis club has helped you learn more things in Korean and has helped take your journey of learning Korean forward?**

Yup definitely! It reminds me of why I started learning Korean to begin with.

**Oh! That's really great to hear, to be honest. I'm sure they would like to hear this even more. So then, I'm glad it's helping you with your Korean journey, but what are the interesting things that you have learned from the club? This could be in Korean or in general.**



There's usually a vocab list compiled from the songs that we cover for the week. Also, some tidbits on culture or festivals (e.g. when we were doing wildflower) was kinda cool too.

**Oh okay. Well, that's good to hear! I'm sure you have been through many songs with the club. Which is a song you had the most fun analyzing?**

It's hard to pick a favorite! We are currently going over 'Indigo' now - and it's *amazing*\*!

*\*Note: She used the 'hearts on fire' emojis.*

**Okay [laughs]. So, which song would you recommend the rest of the server to analyze that you have already analyzed with the club?**

We just did 'Still Life', and it was really cool. The concept behind the Music Video, the visuals, the contrast between the song topic and the tune, and of course the wordplay in the lyrics! The members also contributed their thoughts, and it was an enjoyable session. The club has put together quite a lot of references and interviews that give a lot more insight to the song.

**Okay! So I hope that everyone who reads this interview goes and analyzes the song now! How is club leadership?**

I think it's a well-organized club! They are also nice and encouraging, and also really good at facilitating the sessions. Also appreciate the time and effort that goes into putting together the materials, discussion points etc.

**So, do you like the assignments they give you?**

Yep! My favorite ones are those where we can pick a song, choose a favorite lyric, write down some observations and new vocab and grammar that we've learned.



**Oh! Okay, that was actually gonna be the next question, which is your favorite one. But yeah, do you find them time consuming, or are they perfect for the club?**

Well I enjoy doing them so time flies by. I don't really notice to be honest.

**[laughs] Okay well , would you like to see Song Analysis Club analyze any other songs apart from BTS songs?**

I'm ARMY so my answer is going to be biased. The answer is no.

**[chuckles] Yeah okay, I feel ya. I'm an ARMY as well.. So, I'm guessing that you only listen to BTS then? Or do you listen to other artists as well? In K-Pop I mean.**

I am a more casual listener I guess? But primarily BTS.

**So, do you have any ideas on how or where the club can improve?**

I think the club has evolved since I joined - e.g. I thought having the slides and vocab reference was really handy as we talked about the songs.

**Okay! So you don't have any idea or something where they can improve more than they already have?**

No, not at this point.

**Okay. So, what were your expectations going into this club?**

I didn't really know what to expect to be honest. I thought it might be more of a casual sharing session. But it turned out more structured and organized, which makes it easier to follow as well.

**Oh, that's great that it exceeded your expectations.**

**So, we are on to our final question. Would you recommend this club to other server members? If so, why?**

Yes! Even if you're not ARMY, you can pick-up new vocab and grammar in a fun way! Some of the concepts and ideas that are discussed are also universal



in nature, so you don't have to be a fan to participate. Everyone's also really nice and welcoming so yeah do join us!

**Well that's really nice! So that's it for today. Thank you so much for spending time giving this interview. And I hope that you get to evolve your Korean learning more and end up with- which of the next one? 2,3? Yeah.**

Thank you for having me! And yes, onward to our Korean learning journeys!

