

July Interviews

Interviewee: Ishanavi
Capacity: Tournament Participant

Hello Ishanavi, how are you today? We are here to interview you as a participant in the tournament that was recently held on the 21st of July.

To start off, was this your first experience of ○ □ KSG Tournaments?

No, I had actually joined the first tournament as well and this was my second time.

So you were there for the Tournament that was held a few months back. How was the tournament?

The first one was really great, there were so many people, and it was really fun and that is the reason I joined the second one. And even if I wasn't ready regarding my level of Korean, it was fun.

Since you have already been to a tournament before, what did you expect this time around? And how was it different from your expectations?

First time, it was a quiz and the questions were quite tough for me, but I still enjoyed it because of all the people. Second time I expected it to be a tougher one, but I had fun, and it was really interesting too. They had put a lot of effort in making clues, so I liked it.

This time you got the chance of being in the same setlist group as you are currently in. How was working with your team and communicating with them? And how was it last time when you were in a different group?



Last tournament was the first time for everyone, and I got selected as the group representative. It was quite an experience, but they were really supportive, and I was glad to be in the group because they knew everything and I didn't know much of the questions, but I was trying to get the answers. I was really grateful, but I also felt a little bad after because I didn't know much of the questions, it was really late for me and my brain was a bit fuzzy. So, I felt bad, but they were really supportive, and the people were really great.

Why did you choose to participate in the tournament this time again?

This time around, I was actually expecting that I would be able to answer better and maybe more questions than last time, but I couldn't do much because the questions were tough. I wanted to answer more questions, so I studied for it as well and it was BTS related, so I wanted to do good. It was a good feeling because in clubs I don't talk much, so it was good. I was looking forward to the tournament, some questions were tough for me, but it was a learning experience for me.

And now that you have participated, what do you think about it?

First of all, the people who organized this tournament worked really hard and did a really good job. The presentation and other things they included were really great, and I liked it even though I couldn't answer. I think it was a great experience, there were puzzles, and you get hearts as well. It was quite a good experience, you could learn and play.

And in comparison to the first one?

The first one was new to me, so I just went with the flow, but the organizer was really sweet. It was also kind of overwhelming for me. But I had more fun in the second tournament because I knew how it worked and what was going to happen. In the first tournament, I didn't know many people would join, but



I really liked the second one, there were many interesting questions, and it was a good experience. In the first one I was a bit shy as well, but I was quite comfortable in the second one.

What was your favorite part or aspects of the tournament?

My favorite aspect would be the clues. It was really interesting how they managed to put it in the system and how you get the piece of pictures from the clue, which you can add and make it a whole picture. I think they will keep on improving because it was a good experience. It was a learning experience where you can have fun as well.

Sounds like the tournament was really fun. What is some memory you made during the tournament that you remember and would like to share?

It was definitely in the army group where all of us were chatting, just joking around and chilling. Members who were there just as spectators were just joking around even though they couldn't see the whole discussion, and it was a good memory to see everyone joking around. Even though there were so many people, you could joke and chill with them. Maybe someday we can have a group chat and just chill around in the army group.

Did this tournament have an effect on your Korean learning?

I would say yes, it did have quite an impact on my Korean. Last time when I couldn't answer I felt really bad, but I got motivation to start practicing, so I can get good at my Korean, but I still get lazy. It was like a motivation to start working hard on my Korean to see the people answering questions easily. I take time to answer the questions, but others would know immediately, and it was a motivation for me, I also learned a few things from them, so it was good.

How did you all divide the tasks of doing the puzzle and guessing the answers?



It was already decided who was going to be the group representative. So, when the questions came whoever knew the answer would put it out, and we would choose the answer that could be right, then we just went with that answer. As for the puzzle part, it was randomly decided. They sent the link to arrange the pictures that we would get in the clues and we had to put it on the jam board. So, whoever opened the link first on their laptop arranged the picture. It was a teamwork and everyone had a say in it.

What do you think about the punishments and rewards this tournament had?

The punishment was really funny. It was funny when it came to others but when we got it, it was sad and for the rewards they always gave really good amount of hearts, it was really rewarding getting hearts. Last time they only gave hearts, but it was improved this time.

What would you like to improve in terms of organizing the tournament and how it is all hosted?

I liked the hosting, the organizer was really good. They maintained a really warm atmosphere for everyone to talk. And for questions they did a great job at doing the PowerPoint and the questions were made by themselves and not the internet, they really worked hard. I think they will keep on improving, but the tournament went on for 3 hours, and it was just one game. So, I hope we can have 2–3 fun games, and we can go on for a longer time.

Do you perhaps have some suggestions regarding the tournament's activities?

It was quite late for me, so maybe they can have two timings, if so I could have joined the other one. So, maybe they can do tournaments in two different timings. And I liked everything about it, but just the timings were not suitable for me. As for the activities, it was really good. I appreciate the hard work.



Do you think you would like to attend the next tournament?

Yeah, definitely I will attend the next one as well. I have the motivation to answer more for the next one.

That's great, thank you so much for the interview. To end off, could you please give us a rating on the tournament out of 10?

I would say 8.5 out of 10

