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Introduction

Korean is the official language of both North and South Korea. It's also spoken widely in neighboring Yanbian, China. Worldwide, Korean is spoken by some 78 million people. Korean has several dialects, of which two are standard: Seoul, spoken in South Korea, and P'yongyang, spoken in North Korea. In addition, there are approximately seven regional dialects. All dialects, except that spoken on the Jeju Island, are mutually intelligible. This course teaches the Seoul dialect of South Korea.

The Korean Alphabet

The Korean script, called Hangul, was invented in 1443 under the reign of King Sejong. Until then, Chinese characters were used by the upper classes, and Idu letters, a kind of Chinese-based Korean character system, by the populace. The system created by King Sejong and his scholars is still in use today.

The Korean alphabet is phonetic. It consists of ten vowels, eleven vowel combinations, fourteen consonants, and five double consonants. As in English, the letters of the Hangul alphabet represent individual sounds. Letters that have similar sounds also have similar shapes, making them easier to learn.

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The Korean Alphabet (continued)

A chart of the Korean alphabet follows. This is given for your information only — you will not need to refer to the chart to do the Readings, as all the instruction is contained on the CD.

Vowels

Vowel	Romanization	Sound
}	a	a as in father
þ	ya	ya as in yacht
7	eo	o as in song
耳	yeo	yo sound between young and yawn
上	0	o as in home
小	yo	yo as in yoke
丁	u	u as in tune
Т	yu	yu as in you
_	eu	u as in put
	i	i as in ski

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Lesson Eighteen

- 1. 안녕하세요?
- 2. 날씨가 좋습니다.
- 3. 네, 그렇습니다.
- 4. 점심 드셨어요?
- 5. 네, 감사합니다.
- 6. 뭘 하시겠어요?
- 7. 모르겠어요.
- 8. 선생님은요?
- 9. 저는 소주를 사겠어요.
- 10. 그럼 나중에.
- 11. 안녕히 가세요.
- 12. 안녕히 계세요.

Lesson Seventeen

- 1. 일곱
- 2. 만칠
- 3. 삼천원
- 4. 아홉 시에요
- 5. 십리터
- 6. 오십 킬로
- 7. 맥주 네 병
- 8. 육천원이예요
- 9. 딸이 한 명
- 10. 아이들이 세 명 있어요
- 11. 십 사불 있어요
- 12. 팔 천원 주세요

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The Korean Alphabet (continued)

VOWEL COMBINATIONS

Vowel	Romanization	Sound
H	ae	between the <i>a</i> in <i>sat</i> and the <i>e</i> in <i>set</i>
月	yae	ye as in yeah
ᆌ	e	e as in set
킈	ye	ye as in yes
나	wa	wa as in wander
ᅫ	wae	we as in wet
긔	oe	wa as in wait
터	weo	wo as in won
ᆐ	we	sounds like way
ᅱ	wi	sounds like we
7	ui	combination of <i>oo</i> in <i>moon</i> , but shorter, followed by <i>ee</i> in <i>bee</i> , but shorter

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The Korean Alphabet (continued)

Consonants

Consonant	Romanization	Sound
٦	k	between a k and a hard g
L	n	n
ヒ	t	between t and a d
卫	r, 1	between an <i>l</i> and an <i>r</i> sound
口	m	m
日	p, b	between a p and a b
入	s, sh	s; before an ee sounds more like sh
0	silent, ng	silent at beginning of syllable; at end of syllable sounds like the <i>ng</i> in <i>sing</i>
ス	ch, j	between a <i>j</i> and a <i>ch</i>
六	ch'	<i>ch</i> with extra air
7	k'	k with extra air
E	ť'	t with extra air
立	p'	p with extra air
ㅎ	h'	h as in hat

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Lesson Sixteen

- 1. 왜요?
- 2. 듸람
- 3. 쪽지
- 4. 식지
- 5. 왜쌀
- 6. ⊣
- 7. 바위
- 8. 위기
- 9. 윙윙
- 10. 해요
- 11. 肖
- 12. 개
- 13. 냬
- 14. 섄
- 15. 뜻
- 16. 댸

Lesson Fifteen

- 1. 와요
- 3. 쪼끔
- 4. 봅시다
- 5. 비싸
- 6. 궤짝
- 7. -
- 8. 0
- 9 나의
- 10. 의부
- 11. 내
- 12. 왜적
- 13. 괜히
- 14. 상쾌한
- 15. 으니까요
- 16. 자의

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The Korean Alphabet (continued)

DOUBLE CONSONANTS

Consonant	Romanization	Sound
77	kk	tense k/g
ΙΙ	tt	tense t / d
用用	pp	tense p / b
从	SS	sharp s
双	jj	tense j / ch

The Korean Syllable

The basic unit of written Korean is the syllable. All Korean words can be viewed as blocks of syllables. Each syllable block is like a square of a fixed size. There are two basic syllable blocks: consonant-vowel, and consonant-vowel-consonant. The way letters are arranged in a syllable block depends upon the vowel in the syllable. Vowels can be seen as being horizonal, vertical, or a combination of both. Korean syllable blocks follow four basic rules. Understanding these rules makes it easier to recognize letters in a syllable, and thereby to read Korean. Here are the rules:

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The Korean Syllable (continued)

Consonant - Vowel Syllables

Rule 1: There are nine "vertical vowels" that stand upright. They are:

A vertical vowel is written to the right of the consonant.

consonant vowel

Example: \vdash (n) + \vdash (a) = \vdash (na)

Rule 2: There are five "horizontal vowels." They are:

ユ ル T ー

Horizontal vowels are written below the consonant.

Consonant Vowel

Example: ㅎ (h) + ㅗ (o) = 호

Lesson Fourteen

- 1. 누구와요?
- 2. 오빠
- 3. 고마워
- 4. 타웨
- 5. 워싱톤
- 6. 드시
- 7. 하실
- 8. 점심
- 9. 시청
- 10. 못
- 11. 여섯
- 12. 있어요
- 13. 모르겠어요.
- 14. 날씨가
- 15. 짜
- 16. 오른쪽
- 17. 짜장면
- 18. 등쩌우
- 19. 여쭈다
- 20. 화장실

Lesson Thirteen

- 1. 꽈리
- 2. 화가
- 3. 궈서
- 4. 저와
- 5. 毗
- 6. 아빠
- 7. 뽀빠이
- 8. 바빠서
- 9. 빨리
- 10. 데
- 11. 웨이터
- 12. 웨이브
- 13. 하이웨이
- 14. 브로드웨이
- 15. 바뻐
- 16. 두병

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The Korean Syllable (continued)

Rule 3: There are seven "combination vowels" that have characteristics of both the horizontal and vertical vowels. They are:

With these vowels, the initial consonant is written in the upper left-hand corner of the imaginary block. The vowel then appears both to the right and below.



Example: ㅇ (silent) + 나 (wa) = 와

Consonant - Vowel - Consonant Syllables

Rule 4: With three-character syllables, the arrangement of the initial consonant and vowel is the same as just shown. The final consonant is simply placed below or on the bottom. See the illustrations on the next page:

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The Korean Alphabet (continued)

(a) Vertical vowels:

Consonant Vowel
Final Consonant

Example: 호 (h) + ㅏ (a) + ㄴ (n) = 한

(b) Horizontal vowels:

Consonant

Vowel

Final Consonant

Example: \land (s) + \bot (o) + \lor (n) = $\stackrel{\triangleleft}{\leftarrow}$ (son)

(c) Combination vowels:

Consonant

Vowel

Final Consonant

Example: \circ (silent) + 니 (oe) + \vdash (n) = 왼 (wen)

Lesson Twelve

- 1. 어려
- 2. 육천
- 3. 뙤
- 5. 와요
- 6. 화전
- 7. 좌우
- 8. 과요
- 9. 먹
- 10. 퍼
- 11. 워요
- 12. 고마워
- 13. 취요
- 14. 놔요
- 15. 가까워
- 16. 워싱톤

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Lesson Eleven

- 1. 또랑
- 2. 끼륵
- 3. 파토
- 4. 아니면
- 5. 저녁
- 6. 딸이 세 명
- 7. 그
- 8. 고
- 9. 꾀
- 10. 괴수
- 11. 왼
- 12. 약
- 13. ÷
- 14. 퓨전
- 15. 절규
- 16. 따라
- 17. 되고
- 18. 만육

The Korean Syllable (continued)

At first, "decoding" these blocks will take some practice. Therefore, we recommend that you take the Reading Lessons at your own pace, repeating each until you feel comfortable proceeding to the next. With a little effort, however, you will be pleasantly surprised at how quickly you are reading Korean -- and at how much fun it can be!

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Lesson One

- 1. ㅎ
- 2.
- 3. 히
- 4. ∟
- 5. 나
- 6. 한
- 7. 닣
- 8. 닌
- 9.
- 10. 니
- 11. চী
- 12. 히/하
- 13. 힌
- 14. 닌

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Lesson Ten

- 1. 에서
- 2. 언제?
- 3. 쇼핑
- 4. 얼마예요?
- 5. 까지
- 6. 叫
- 7. 대
- 8. 또
- 9. 딸
- 10. ╡
- 11. 열
- 12. 여기
- 13. 다녀
- 14. 남편
- 15. 명동
- 16. 안녕하세요?

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Lesson Nine

- 1. 좋습니까
- 2. 선생님
- 3. 주세요
- 4. 호텔
- 5. 레스토랑
- 6. 조금요
- 7. 제 아내
- 8. 제
- 9. 引
- 10. 예
- 11. 계
- 12. 예요
- 13. 저기예요
- 14. 페
- 15. 팔
- 16. 발
- 17. 포폐
- 18. 필기
- 19. 아니예요
- 20. 커피

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Lesson Two

- 1. 하
- 2. 하나
- 3. 닌
- 4. 가
- 5. 긴
- 6. 나가
- 7. 하긴
- 8. 학
- 9. 닉
- 10. 다
- 11. 디
- 12. 다나
- 13. 하다
- 14. 자
- 15. 자다
- 16. 진디
- 17. 기잔
- 18. 힌다
- 19. 닌자
- 20. 한각

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Lesson Three

- 1. 하간
- 2. 작디
- 3. 단지
- 4. 라
- 5. 린
- 6. 하릭
- 7. 할
- 8. 겉
- 9. 바
- 10. 힐
- 11. 집
- 12. 하바
- 13. 리비
- 14. 사
- 15. 사자
- 16. 산비
- 17. 락반
- 18. 삽

Lesson Eight

- 1. 아직
- 2. 은요
- 3. 터지
- 4. 커서
- 5. 크댜
- 6.
- 7. 네
- 8. 게요
- 9. 하세요
- 10. 강
- 11. 충분
- 12. 종로
- 13. 정말
- 14. 겡
- 15. 갱
- 16. 나중에
- 17. 깨
- 18. 캐
- 19. 꼬테
- 20. 습니까?

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Lesson Seven

- 1. 누구
- 2. 갸처
- 3. 드릴
- 4. 아
- 5. }
- 6. 아홉
- 7. 일곱
- 8. 오늘
- 9. 1
- 11. 쵸/챠
- 12. 해요
- 13. 알아요
- 14. 탈
- 15. 태
- 16. 대
- 17. 티죠
- 18. 천천
- 19. 는요
- 20. 아니요

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Lesson Four

- 1. 라디
- 2. 달
- 3. 박사
- 4. 십
- 5. H
- 6. 개
- 7. 갤
- 8. 핸
- 9. 마
- 10. 삼 11. 하지만
- 12. 그
- 13. 호
- 14. 돈
- 15. 해라
- 16. 하고
- 17. 몬
- 18. 고배

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Lesson Five

- 1. 감사
- 2. 래모
- 3. 삼해
- 4. 丁
- 5. 두
- 6. 구부
- 7. 소주
- 8. 추
- 10. 좀
- 11. 치두
- 12.
- 13. 거
- 14. 먹
- 15. 저기
- 16. 사추버
- 17. 점
- 18. 전할
- 19. 만칠
- 20. 미국

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Lesson Six

- 1. 한국
- 2. 다너
- 3. 첩
- 4. 맥주
- 5. 므
- 6. 모르
- 7. 스
- 8. 저는
- 9. 는좀
- 10. 커
- 11. 커/거
- 12. 콤
- 13. 크추
- 14. 조금
- 15.
- 16. F
- 17. 냐
- 18. 캬지
- 19. 햐추
- 20. 컈냐