



**LEARN TO
READ KOREAN
IN 15 MINUTES**

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OKAY, LOOK DUDES.
I KNOW KOREAN LOOKS
SUPER HARD TO READ.

LIKE ONE OF THOSE
PICTORAL LANGUAGES
WHERE YOU GOTTA
LEARN A NEW SYMBOL
FOR EVERY DANG WORD.

BUT IT'S ACTUALLY
JUST A SUPER SIMPLE
ALPHABET. MAYBE THE
EASIEST ALPHABET
IN THE WORLD.

UNLIKE OTHER WRITING
SYSTEMS THAT EVOLVED
OVER GENERATIONS, ONE
DUDE SAT DOWN ONE DAY
AND MADE UP THE KOREAN
ALPHABET, SO THERE'S
FEWER LETTERS AND THEY
ALWAYS SOUND THE SAME.
I'MA TEACH YOU.



OKAY, JUST REMEMBER
THESE 11 LETTERS.

CONSONANTS

- O NOTHING (MAKES *NO* SOUND—
A PLACEHOLDER)
- H BUCKET
- U DOOR
- L GUN
- Z RATTLESNAKE
- Q MAP
- L NOSE
- II PART 2
- 人 SUMMIT

VOWELS

- I TREE
- BROOK

OBVIOUSLY THOSE ARE
NOT THE REAL NAMES.
BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY
LOOK LIKE TO ME, AND
THE CIRCLED PART IS
THE SOUND THEY MAKE!





SO WHAT
DO I
DO WITH
THEM?

EACH SYLLABLE IS SQUISHED
INTO ONE BLOCK. EACH BLOCK
MUST HAVE ONE CONSONANT
AND ONE VOWEL.

(IF YOU DON'T NEED A CONSONANT, YOU
JUST USE 'NOTHING' AS A PLACEHOLDER)

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TRY
SOUNDING
THESE ONES
OUT
YOURSELF.

I MEAN
GOD, WHY
DO I HAVE
TO DO
EVERYTHING?

IF YOU WANT YOU CAN ADD ONE MORE
CONSONANT ON THE BOTTOM, AS A BONUS.

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BOOK

A cartoon character with a large head, wearing a grey suit and a black hat, is shouting with his mouth wide open. He has his right arm raised in a fist. The background is a festive Christmas scene with red and green garlands, pine branches, and small white cards hanging from the trees.

LET'S
KICK IT
UP A
NOTCH!

IF YOU ADD A LITTLE
NOTCH TO THE LETTERS,
YOU CAN CHANGE THE
SOUND THAT THEY MAKE.

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G BECOMES K

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D BECOMES T

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NOTHING BECOMES H

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S BECOMES J
ADD ONE MORE NOTCH,
AND YOU GET CH

IF YOU ADD THE NOTCH TO A VOWEL IT
WILL SOUND LIKE THE PLACE YOU PUT IT

ON A TREE...

IF THERE'S TWO TREES...

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UP FRONT OR FAR AWAY

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BEFORE OR AFTER

*NOTE:
THIS ONLY
WORKS IF YOU
PRONOUNCE
'BEFORE' LIKE
'BEG.'

ON THE BROOK
IT CAN GO....

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OVER

OR

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AT THE ROOT

JUST A COUPLE
MORE RULES TO
WRAP IT UP!

IF YOU DOUBLE UP A CONSONANT,
NO BIG WHOOP, JUST STRESS THE SOUND.

ㅂ = B

ㅃ = BB

**DOUBLE
IT UP!**

IF YOU DOUBLE UP VOWELS, YOU JUST BLEND THE TWO
SOUNDS. USUALLY IT JUST SOUNDS LIKE YOU ADDED A W.

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BROOK + TREE
IS JUST "UI"
THE 2 SOUNDS
TOGETHER

**AT
THE
END**

IF YOU DOUBLE UP A NOTCH, IT JUST ADDS A "Y" SOUND.

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YOU

THERE ARE 3
LETTERS THAT
MAKE A DIFFERENT
SOUND IF YOU PUT
THEM AT THE END
OF A SYLLABLE:

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NOTHING
MAKES AN NG
IF YOU PUT IT
AT THE END.

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SUMMIT
MAKES A T
IF YOU PUT IT
AT THE END.

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RATTLESNAKE
MAKES AN L
IF YOU PUT IT
AT THE END.

PRACTICE TIME! MATCH THE CHARACTERS TO THEIR NAMES!

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SEE? SUPER EASY!
PRACTICE WRITING
YOUR OWN NAME,
OR YOUR FAVORITE
CHARACTERS'.

YOU MAY HAVE TO
REPLACE A LETTER,
OR ADD AN EXTRA
VOWEL TO MAKE
IT WORK.

F WILL BECOME P,
V WILL BECOME B,
Z WILL BECOME J.

..AND NOW YOU
CAN READ
AND WRITE
HANGEUL, THE
KOREAN
ALPHABET!

GOOD JOB!