

A cartoon illustration of a man with dark hair, wearing a black traditional Korean hat (gat) and a grey traditional Korean robe (jogori) over a white shirt. He has a wide, joyful smile and is pointing his right index finger towards the viewer. The background features a traditional Korean tiled roof with colorful, ornate decorations. A large speech bubble is positioned to the right of the man's head.

**LEARN TO  
READ KOREAN  
IN 15 MINUTES**





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
- D DOOR
- G GUN
- R RATTLESNAKE
- M MAP
- N NOSE
- P PART 2
- A 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

↪ WHAT'S THAT THING? ↪

A cartoon detective character with a black hat, glasses, and a grey suit with a red belt. He is shouting with his mouth wide open and his arms raised in excitement. He is standing in front of a background of red flowers and green leaves.

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...

↑ ↑

UP FRONT OR FAR AWAY

↑↑ H

BEFORE OR AFTER

ON THE BROOK  
IT CAN GO....

⊥

OVER

OR

⊥

AT THE ROOT

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



JUST A COUPLE  
MORE RULES TO  
WRAP IT UP!

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

ㅂ = B

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**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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토토로  
모  
마리오  
니모  
해리 포터  
엘모  
미키  
골렘







SO YEAH, THAT'S IT.  
PRACTICE WRITING  
YOUR OWN NAME,  
OR YOUR FAVORITE  
CHARACTERS'.

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

HOPE THAT  
HELPED.