

KOREAN TIME!

**EASY VOCABULARIES FOR
EVERYDAY LIFE**



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PREFACE

During recent years, Korea has impressed the world as a progressive nation with advancing technology and cultures such as dramas, movies and music. Tourism in Korea has also been blossoming in the recent decades. All these make Korean Time, this learner guide book, more than just suitable when you want to visit Korea or learn something about it.

Designed for elementary learners of Korean, this book includes a wide variety of vocabulary and simple phrases commonly used in daily life. It is a perfect guide book for travelers who want to visit South Korea.

The main purpose of this book is to teach all elementary learners the correct methods to read Hangeul, the Korean Alphabet in the fastest and most efficient way along with some of the most fundamental Korean vocabulary and phrases. There are three quizzes throughout the book which could test the readers' progress in mastering how to read some Korean words and by the end of the book, the readers could check their level of proficiency in reading Korean by looking at their final score.

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INTRO TO HANGEUL

Hangeul consists of 14 consonants and 10 vowels, which means there are 24 characters in total. Since all words in Korean are composed of syllables, these are the basic rules:

1. A syllable begins with a consonant
2. A syllable has at least one consonant and one vowel
3. Each syllable gets written in a square box

Consonants

Letter	ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ
Sound Value	k/g	n	t/d	r/l	m	p/b	s	∅	ts/j	h
Letter	ㅋ		ㅌ			ㅍ			ㅊ	
Sound Value	k ^h		t ^h			p ^h			ts ^h	
Letter	ㆁ		ㄷ			ㅅ	ㅆ		ㅈ	
Sound Value	k'		t'			p'	s'		ts'	

Vowels

Letter	ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅡ	ㅣ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ
Sound Value	a	eo	o	u	eu	i	e	ae	ö/oe	ü/wi
Letter	ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅜ			ㅞ	ㅟ		
Sound Value	ya	yeo	yo	yu			ye	yae		
Letter	ㅜ	ㅠ			ㅣ		ㅞ	ㅟ		
Sound Value	wa	weo			iy		we	wae		

Since each of the vowels and consonants has its own pronunciation, all you have to do is to break them into parts and combine the syllables. Let's start with some simple phrases and once you get the hang of it, you can continue to read through the book until the first quiz pops up.

*Tip: If **ㅇ** is used as a batchim, the final syllable on the bottom like **빵**, it should be pronounced as “ng” instead of a silent sound. (See Bread) However, whenever it is not a batchim, it will be a silent sound. (See Egg)

빵 (Bread)

1. **ㅃ** = pp + **ㅏ** = a + **ㅇ** = ng
2. (pp + a + ng)
3. Ppang

물 (Water)

1. **ㅁ** = m + **ㅜ** = u + **ㄹ** = l
2. (m + u + l)
3. Mul

새 (Bird)

1. **ㅅ** = s + **ㅐ** = ae
2. (s + ae)
3. Sae

알 (Egg)

1. **ㅇ** = ø + **ㅏ** = a + **ㄹ** = l
2. (a + l)
3. Al

토끼 (Rabbit)

1. **ㅌ** = t + **ㅓ** = o +
2. **ㄱ** = kk + **ㅣ** = i
3. (t + o + kk + i)
4. Tokki

염소 (Cow)

1. **ㅇ** = ø + **ㅕ** = yeo + **ㅁ** = m
2. **ㅅ** = s + **ㅓ** = o
3. (yeo + m + s + o)
4. Yeomso

REVIEW

Before you get exposed to all these different vocabulary or phrases, it is better for you to remember some vowels and consonants. Try to remember as many as possible. It is easier to remember them by associating the vowels/consonants to the first thing that comes into your mind. Vowels are harder where you may just have to try to memorize them. However, once you memorize the 10 vowels, the rest can all be read through combining vowels.

Some methods that I came up with to help you remember them:

L ㄗ
n g

Remember that “g” and “n” are the picture frames

L

It looks like a wall where you “lean” on it. L is the first while n is the last letter in “lean”.

g

Imagine a “g” drawn against the “ㄗ” starting from the top right corner to the left

Look at them as if they were incomplete:

⌊ ㄚ
d l



⌋ ㄛ

All you need to do is to fill in the missing parts

Associating it to an image:

人

s

𠃉

h

人

This looks like a snake

→ Associate it with “s”

𠃉

This looks like a hat where the “
○” is a human face

→ Associate it with “h”

*Feel free to associate it with your own images

𠃉

b

𠃉

m

𠃉

This looks like a bottle / beaker

→ Associate it with “b”

𠃉

This looks like a mouth and stands for “mouth” in Chinese

→ Associate it with “m”

𠃉

j

Think of 2 “J”s standing back to back

𠃉

○

ng/ø

“○” is a special vowel where it could be “ng” or a silent sound depending on its position. Only when it is the final syllable on the bottom, it would be pronounced as “ng”.

REVIEW (2)

Associating it to the first thing that comes into your mind:

$\overline{\Pi}$
p

1. A squished pie
2. The math symbol π (pi) on a line
→ Associate it with p

“Extra stroke = Sharper sound”

(Only in these cases)

Adding a stroke:

“ㄱ” (g) + stroke = ㅋ (k)

“ㄷ” (d) + stroke = ㅌ (t)

“ㅈ” (j) + stroke = ㅉ (ts)

ㅋ
k

ㅌ
t

ㅉ
ts

“Doubling”

(Only in these cases)

Double the consonant:

ㄱ (g) + ㄱ (g) = ㄲ (k')

ㅅ (s) + ㅅ (s) = ㅆ (s')

ㄷ (d) + ㄷ (d) = ㄸ (t')

ㅈ (j) + ㅈ (j) = ㅊ (ts')

ㅅ (s) + ㅅ (s) = ㅆ (s')

These consonants have a more tense sound value:

ㄲ
k'

ㅆ
s'

ㄸ
t'

ㅊ
ts'

ㅆ
s'

Review of all consonants:

ㄴ
n

ㄱ
g

ㄷ
d

ㄹ
l

ㅅ
s

ㅎ
h

ㅂ
b

ㅃ
m

ㅈ
j

ㅇ
o/ng

10 Basic Vowels:

ㅏ
a

ㅑ
eo

ㅓ
o

ㅕ
u

ㅗ
eu

ㅣ
i

ㅜ
ae

ㅝ
e

ㅞ
we

ㅟ
wi

REVIEW (3)

“+ ㅏ / ㅛ = + w”

(Only in these cases)

ㅏ + ㅏ (a) = ㅘ (wa)

ㅏ + ㅣ (eo) = ㅚ (weo)

ㅛ + ㅏ (ae) = ㅞ (wae)

ㅏ + ㅣ (e) = ㅜ (we)

ㅘ

wa

ㅚ

weo

ㅞ

wae

ㅜ

we

“eu + i = iy”

ㅡ

iy

It does not make a “w” sound but the combination of ㅡ (eu) and ㅣ (i)

“+ stroke = + y”

(Only in these cases)

ㅏ (a) + stroke = ㅑ (ya)

ㅛ (eo) + stroke = ㅓ (yeo)

ㅛ (o) + stroke = ㅕ (yo)

ㅏ (u) + stroke = ㅛ (yu)

ㅛ (e) + stroke = ㅝ (ye)

ㅏ (ae) + stroke = ㅞ (yae)

ㅑ

ya

ㅓ

yeo

ㅕ

yo

ㅛ

yu

ㅝ

ye

ㅞ

yae

Review of all consonants:

ㅏ
a

ㅑ
eo

ㅓ
o

ㅕ
u

ㅡ
eu

ㅣ
i

ㅞ
ae

ㅟ
e

ㅛ
ö/we

ㅜ
wi

ㅜ
wa

ㅟ
weo

ㅞ
wae

ㅟ
we

ㅛ
ya

ㅟ
yeo

ㅝ
b

ㅠ
yu

ㅟ
ye

ㅞ
yae

ㅟ
iy

DAILY LIFE

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Hello	안녕하세요	Annyeonghaseyo
Yes	네	Ne
No	아니요	Aniyo
Excuse me	실례합니다	Sillyehamnida
Thanks	고맙습니다	Gomapseumnida
Ok	돌습니다	Donguihamnida
Sorry!	미안합니다	Mianhamnida
See you later	나중에 봅시다	Aajunge musda
Good bye (Say it to your visitor)	안녕히 가세요	Annyeonghi gaseyo
Good bye (Person who is leaving)	안녕히 계세요	Annyeonghi Gyeseyo
Welcome	환영합니다	Hwangyong-hamnida
Good morning/ afternoon/ evening	안녕하십니까	Annyeong hashimnikka
Good night	안녕히 주무세요	Annyonghi jumushipsiyo
Good luck	행운을 빌어요	Haeng un eul bil eo yo
Thank you	감사합니다	Kamsahamnida

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
How much is it?	이거 얼마예요	Igeo Eolmaeyo
How are you?	어떻게 지내세요?	Eotteohke jinaeseyo
I'm fine, thanks	잘 지내요	Jaljinaeyo
Long time no see	오랜만이에요	Orenmanida
What's your name?	이름이 어떻게 되십니 까?	llum ee uttoke daesipnika?
I'm from _____	저는 _____ 에서 왔어 요	Jeoneun _____ eseo wasseuyo
Pleased to meet you	만나서 반갑습니다	Mannaseo bangapseumnida
I don't understand	모르겠습니다	Moreugesseumnida
Please speak more slowly	천천히 말씀해 주세요	Cheoncheonhi malssuemhae juseyo
Please write it down	써 주세요	Sseo juseyo!
How do you say _____ in Korean?	_____ 를 한국말로 어떻게 말해요?	_____ reul hangukmal-lo eotteoh-ge maraeyo?
I love you	사랑해요	Saranghaeyo

NUMBERS

Sino-Korean Cardinals

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
1	일	Il
2	이	Il
3	삼	Sam
4	사	Sa
5	오	O
6	육	Yuk
7	칠	Chil
8	팔	Pal
9	구	Gu
10	십	Sib
11	십일	Sib il
12	십이	Sib i
13	십삼	Sib sam

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
14	십사	Sib Sa
15	십오	Sib o
16	십육	Sib yuk
17	십칠	Sib chil
18	십팔	Sib pal
19	십구	Sib gu
20	이십	I sib
30	삼십	Sam sib
40	사십	Sa sib
50	오십	O sib
60	육십	Yuk sib
70	칠십	Chil sib
80	팔십	Pal sib
90	구십	Gu sib

NUMBERS (2)

Native-Korean Cardinals

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
1	하나	Hana
2	둘	Dul
3	셋	Set
4	넷	Net
5	다섯	Tasot
6	여섯	Yosot
7	일곱	Ilgop
8	여덟	Yodolp
9	아홉	Ahop
10	열	Yol
20	스물	Sumul
30	서른	Sorun

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
40	마흔	Mahun
50	쉰	Shween
60	예순	Yesun
70	이른	Irun
80	여든	Yodun
90	아흔	Ahun
100	백	Baek
1000	천	Ch'eon
10000	만	Man
100000	십만	Sip-man
1,000,000	백만	Baek-man
100000000	억	Eok

QUIZ #1

Try reading these vocabulary, see how many you can read and record your total score out of 12. The answers are on the next page.

남색

(Deep Blue)

엄마

(Mother)

녹차

(Green Tea)

파리

(Fly)

살구

(Apricot)

아내

(Wife)

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버찌
(Cherry)

십오
(Fifteen)

생일
(Birthday)

여자
(Woman)

분홍
(Pink)

우유
(Milk)

QUIZ #1 ANSWERS

Namsaek

(Deep Blue
남색)

Eomma

(Mother 엄마)

Nokcha

(Green Tea
녹차)

Pari

(Fly 파리)

Salgu

(Apricot 살구)

Anae

(Wife 아내)

Beoji

(Cherry
버찌)

Sib O

(Fifteen
십오)

Saengil

(Birthday
생일)

Yeoja

(Woman
여자)

Bunhong

(Pink
분홍)

Uyu

(Milk
우유)

Score for Quiz #1: _____/12

COLORS

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Red	빨강색	Ppalgangsae
Orange	주황색	Juhwangsae
Yellow	노랑색	Norangsae
Green	초록색	Choroksae
Blue	파랑색	Parangsae
Deep blue	남색	Namsae
Purple	보라색	Borasaek
Black	검정색	Geomjeongsae
White	흰색	Hinsaek
Light green	연두색	Yeondusaek
Crimson	진홍색	Jinhongsae
Deep red	다홍색	Dahongsae
Brown	갈색	galsaek
Gray	회색	Hwisaek
Sky blue	하늘색	Haneulsaek

FOOD & BEVERAGES

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Apple	사과	Sagwa
Apricot	살구	Salgu
Banana	바나나	Banana
Lemon	레몬	Remon
Nut	땅콩	Ttangdong
Orange	오렌지	Orenji
Peach	복숭아	Boksunga
Pineapple	파인애플	Pinaepeul
Plum	자두	Jadu
Raspberry	라즈베리	Rajeuberi
Strawberry	딸기	Namuttalgi
Pear	배	Bae
Bread	빵	Ppang
Carrot	당근	Tanggun
Corn	옥수수	Okssusu

FOOD & BEVERAGES

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Butter	버터	Beoteo
Cake	케이크	Keikeu
Cheese	치즈	Chijeu
Chocolate	초콜릿	Chokolrit
Egg	계란	Gyeran
Fruit	과일	Gwail
Rice	쌀	Ssal
Salad	샐러드	Salleodeu
Sandwich	샌드위치	Saenduwichi
Soup	수프	Supeu
Meat	고기	Gogi
Bean	콩	Kong
Cold Noodles	냉면	Naengmyeon
Porridge	죽	Juk
Korean Cookies	한과	Hangwa

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Coffee	커피	Keopi
Coffee with sugar	설탕과 함께	Seoltanggwa Hamkke
Coffee with cream	크림과 함께	Keuringwa Hamkke
Hot Chocolate	핫초코	Hatchyoko
Milk	우유	Uyu
Tea	차	Cha
Wine	포도주	Podoju
Beer	맥주	Maekju
Cheers	건배	Geonbae
Water	물	Mul
Boiled water	끓인물	Ggeurin mul
Juice	주스	Juseu
Lemonade	레모네이드	Remoneideu
Black tea	홍차	Hongcha
Citron tea	유자차	Yujacha

FAMILY

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Mother	엄마	Eomma
Father	아빠	Appa
Son	아들	Adeul
Daughter	딸	Ttal
Brother	형제	Hyeongje
Sister	자매	Jamae
Friend	친구	Cingu
Girlfriend	여자 친구	Yeoja Chingu
Boyfriend	남자 친구	Namja Chingu
Husband	남편	Nampyeon
Wife	아내	Anae
Cousin	사촌	Sachon
Grand mother	할머니	Halmeoni
Grand father	할아버지	Harabeoji
Boy's elder brother	형	Hyeong

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Boy's elder sister	누나	Nuna
Girl's elder brother	오빠	Oppa
Girl's elder sister	안니	Eonni
Aunt	숙모	Sungmo
Uncle	삼촌	Samchon
Father-in-law	아버님	Abeonim
Mother-in-law	어머님	Eomeonim
Baby	아기	Agi
Birthday	생일	Saengil
Marriage	결혼	Gyeolhon
Neighbor	이웃 사람	Lut saram
Parent	부 또는 모	Bu ttoneun mo
Wedding	결혼	Gyeolhon
Birth	출생	Chulsaeng
Woman	여자	Yeoja

QUIZ #2

Try reading these vocabulary, see how many you can read and record your total score out of 12. The answers are on the next page.

아니요

(No)

노랑색

(Yellow)

포도주

(Wine)

할머니

(Grandmother)

소녀

(Girl)

샐러드

(Salad)

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유자차

(Citron tea)

코끼리

(Elephant)

어머님

(Mother-in-law)

수요일

(Wednesday)

주유소

(Gas Station)

목도리

(Scarf)

QUIZ #2 ANSWERS

Aniyo

(No 아니요)

**Norang-
saek**

(Yellow 노랑색)

Podoju

(Wine 포도주)

Halmeoni

(Grandmother 포
도주)

So-nyeo

(Girl 소녀)

**Saelreo
-deu**

(Salad 샐러드)

Yujacha

(Citron tea
유자차)

Kokkiri

(Elephant
코끼리)

Eomeonim

(Mother-in-law
어머님)

Suoil

(Wednesday
수요일)

Juyuso

(Gas Station
주유소)

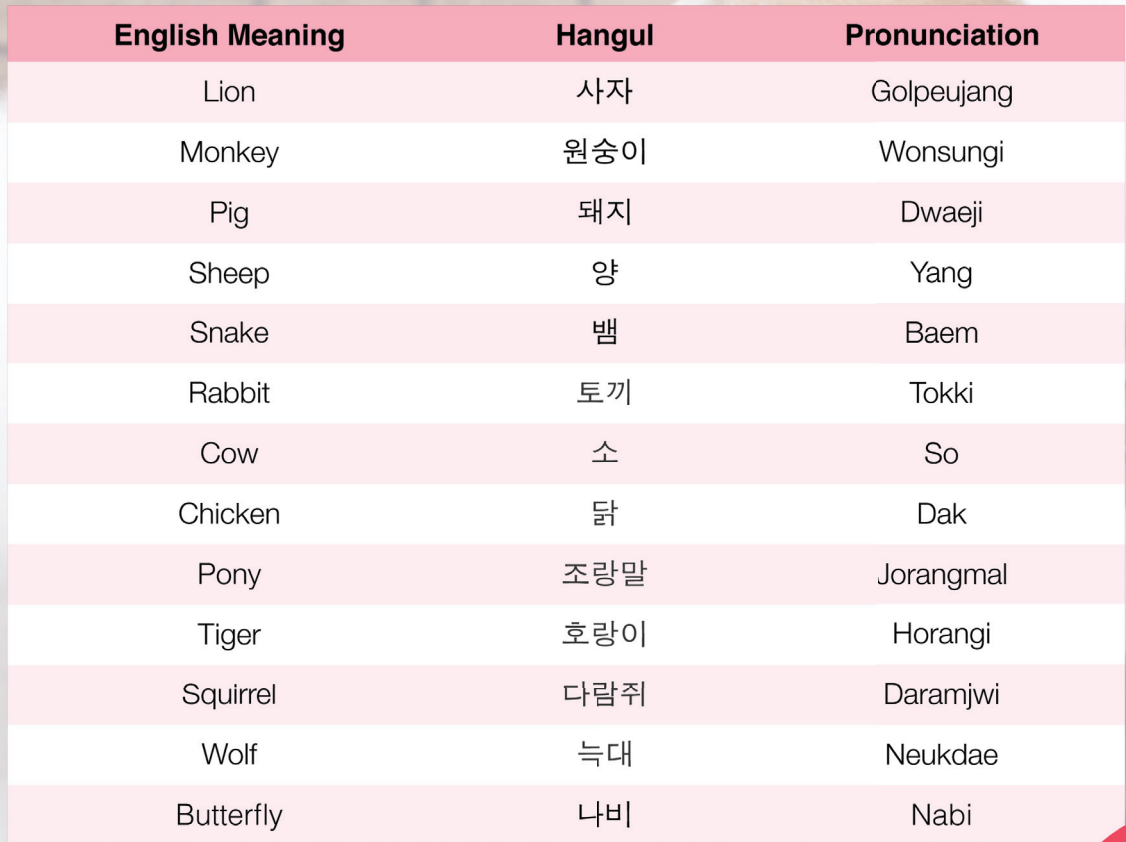
Mokdori

(Scarf
목도리)

Score for Quiz #2: ____/12

ANIMALS

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Ant	개미	Gaemi
Bear	곰	Gom
Bee	꿀벌	Kkulbeol
Bird	새	Sae
Cat	고양이	Goyangi
Cow	암소	Amso
Dog	개	Gae
Elephant	코끼리	Kokkiri
Fish	생성	Saengseong
Fly	파리	Pari
Goat	염소	Yeomso
Horse	말	Mal
Insect	곤충	Gonchung



English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Lion	사자	Golpeujang
Monkey	원숭이	Wonsungi
Pig	돼지	Dwaeji
Sheep	양	Yang
Snake	뱀	Baem
Rabbit	토끼	Tokki
Cow	소	So
Chicken	닭	Dak
Pony	조랑말	Jorangmal
Tiger	호랑이	Horangi
Squirrel	다람쥐	Daramjwi
Wolf	늑대	Neukdae
Butterfly	나비	Nabi

CLOTHING

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Pants	바지	Baji
Hairband	머리띠	Meoritti
Clothes	옷	Ot
underwear	속옷	Sogot
Jacket	자켓	Jyaket
Trousers	하의	Hai
Tee-shirt	티셔츠	Tisyechoeu
Short sleeve	반팔	Banpal
Long sleeve	긴팔	Ginpal
Uniform	제복	Jebok
Pajamas	잠옷	Jamot
Vest	조끼	Jokki
Sweater	스웨터	Seuweteo
Blue jeans	청바지	Cheongbaji

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Skirt	치마	Chima
Scarf	목도리	Mokdori
Hat	모자	Moja
Bag	가방	Gabang
Boot	장화	Janghwa
Shoe	신발	Sinbal
Sock	양말	Yangmal
Tie	넥타이	Nektai
Gloves	장갑	Janggap
Belt	허리띠	Heoritti
Bra	브라	Beu-ra
Cardigan	가디건	Gadigeon
Korean dress	한복	Hanbok
Suit	양복	Yangbok

SEASONS/HOLIDAYS

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
Sunday	일요일	lyroil
Monday	월요일	Woryoil
Tuesday	화요일	Hwaoil
Wednesday	수요일	Suoil
Thursday	목요일	Mogyoil
Friday	금요일	Geumyoil
Saturday	토요일	Toyoil
January	일월	Irwol
February	이월	Iwol
March	삼월	Samwol
April	사월	Sawol
May	오월	Owol
June	유월	Yuwol
July	칠월	Chirwol
August	팔월	Palwol
September	구월	Guwol

English Meaning	Hangul	Pronunciation
October	시월	Siwol
November	십일월	Sibirwol
December	십이월	Sibiwol
Spring	봄	Bom
Summer	여름	Yeoreum
Autumn	가을	Gaeul
Winter	겨울	Gyeoul
Winter vacation	겨울방학	Oncheon
Christmas	크리스마스	Keuriseumás
New Year's Day	설날	Seolnal
I wish you a Merry Christmas.	즐거운 성탄절 보내세요	Jeulgeoun seongtanjeol bonaeseyo
Happy New Year	새해 복 많이 받으세요	Saehae bok mani badeuseyo
Parent's Day	어버이날	EobeoinalHangeul
Teacher's Day	스승의날	Seuseunguinal

REVIEW

Before you move on reading Korean phrases with 4 characters, let's have a review. This is the detailed break down of consonants and vowels in the phrase 남자친구 which means "Boyfriend" in English.

남 = ㄴ + ㅏ + ㅁ
ㄴ = n
ㅏ = a
ㅁ = m
남 = n + a + m
남 = **nam**

자 = ㅈ + ㅏ
ㅈ = j
ㅏ = a
자 = j + a
자 = **ja**

친 = ㅈ + ㅣ + ㄴ
ㅈ = ch
ㅣ = i
ㄴ = n
친 = c+h+i+n
친 = **chin**

구 = ㄱ + ㅜ
ㄱ = g
ㅜ = u
구 = g + u
구 = **gu**

남자 친구
= nam + ja + chin + gu
Namjachingu

QUIZ #3

Try reading these vocabulary, see how many you can read and record your total score out of 12. The answers are on the next page.

*Refer back to page 3 for the table with the vowels and consonants to guide your reading.

고등학교

(High School)

오토바이

(Motorcycle)

샌드위치

(Sandwich)

제트스키

(Jet Ski)

파인애플

(Pineapple)

사랑해요

(I love you)

QUIZ #3 ANSWERS

**Godeung
-hakgyo**

(High School
고등학교)

Otobai

(Motorcycle
오토바이)

Saendeuwichi

(Sandwich
샌드위치)

Suoil

(Jet Ski
제트스키)

Pinaepeul

(Pineapple
파인애플)

Saranghaeyo

(I love you
사랑해요)

Score for Quiz #3: ____/6

LEVEL BOUNDARIES

Now you can add up your scores for the first, second and last quiz you did throughout the book to see your level in reading Korean. If you successfully read all of the vocabulary, you are at the top level. The levels you obtain depend on your total score, now check to see where you are!

If you were not so successful in reading Korean, no worries. By having this book by your side, it will be easy for you to become a Korean reader expert in no time!

Levels	Score
1	0 - 5
2	6 - 11
3	12- 17
4	18 - 23
5	24 - 30

GLOSSARY

Batchim

Final consonant in a Korean syllable

Consonant

A speech sound produced by a constriction or closure at one or more points along the vocal tract.

Hangeul

The Korean Alphabet

Sound value

Pronunciation of a sound

Syllable

Unit of pronunciation having one vowel sound, with or without consonants, forming the whole or part of a word.

Vowels

A speech sound produced by the open configuration of the vocal tract

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