

A cartoon illustration of a man with a wide, joyful smile, wearing a black traditional Korean hat (gat) and a grey traditional Korean robe (jogori) with a white collar. He is pointing towards a speech bubble. The background features a traditional Korean tiled roof with colorful decorative elements. The speech bubble contains the text:

**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

○ NOTHING (MAKES NO SOUND-
A PLACEHOLDER)

⏏ BUCKET

⏏ DOOR

⏏ GUN

⏏ RATTLESNAKE

⏏ MAP

⏏ NOSE

⏏ PART 2

⏏ SUMMIT

VOWELS

⏏
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)

이 EEH
비 BEE
디 DEE
기 GI
리 REE
미 ME
니 KNEE
피 PEE
시 SEE

이
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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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ㅅ
ㅇ
니 BEAN

ㅂ
ㅅ
ㅇ
ㅈ
니 BOOK

↪ WHAT'S THAT THING? ↪

A cartoon illustration of a man with glasses, a grey suit, and a red sash, shouting with his mouth wide open and arms raised. He is standing in front of a display of red poinsettias.

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

Ɔ E

D BECOMES T

○ Ȫ

NOTHING BECOMES H

^ ʌ ʎ

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

† †

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 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.

와 외 왜 위 워 의
WATER WET WAG WE WONDER

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

**AT
THE
END**

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

여 야 예 얘 요 유
YUP Y'ALL YES YAK YO YOU

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

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

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

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

PRACTICE TIME! MATCH THE CHARACTERS TO THEIR NAMES!

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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.