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)

리 REE
디 DEE
기 GI
리 REE
미 ME
비 BEE
이 EEH

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.

비 BEAN
복 BOOK

WHAT'S THAT THING?
LET'S KICK IT UP A NOTCH!

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

G BECOMES K
D BECOMES T
NOTHING BECOMES H
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!

**Double it up!**

If you double up a consonant, no big whoop, just stress the sound.

\[
\text{H} = \text{B} \\
\text{HH} = \text{BB}
\]

If you double up vowels, you just blend the two sounds. Usually it just sounds like you added a \(w\).

와 외 왜 위 위 의

**Water** **Wet** **Wag** **We** **Wonder**

Brook + Tree is just "ui" the 2 sounds together.

If you double up a notch, it just adds a "y" sound.

여야 예애 요 유

**Yup** **Y'all** **Yes** **Yak** **Y0** **You**

There are 3 letters that make a different sound if you put them at the end of a syllable:

- **O** nothing makes an NG if you put it at the end.
- **\(\wedge\)** summit makes a \(T\) if you put it at the end.
- **\(\&\)** rattlesnake makes an \(L\) if you put it at the end.
PRACTICE TIME! MATCH THE CHARACTERS TO THEIR NAMES!

배맨  
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.