

Hangul Alphabet Study sheet

The sounds we make are different from the sounds spoken by Koreans. Shown below are close approximations. The more you listen to Koreans speak and practice speaking their language the closer you will come to proper pronunciation. If you would like to hear the correct pronunciation of the Hangul alphabet, visit this webpage: [http://hompi.sogang.ac.kr/korean/kk1100/lesson01/101_10.html](http://hompi.sogang.ac.kr/korean/kk1100/lesson01/101_10_10.html).

Simple vowels

Korean letter	Sound	Pronunciation reference
ㅏ	ah	father
ㅑ	uh	fun
ㅓ	oh	hone
ㅕ	oo	to
ㅡ	uuh	broken
ㅣ	ee	incubator
ㅞ	ae	hat (as initial) pay (soft – as final)
ㅟ	eh	let
ㅠ	whey	-
ㅡ	wee	-

Diphthongs (compound vowels)

Korean letter	Sound	Pronunciation reference
ㅟ	yah	<u>y</u> arn
ㅠ	yuh	<u>y</u> earn
ㅢ	yoh	<u>y</u> odel
ㅣ	yoo	<u>y</u> ou
ㅤ	yea	yea (soft)
ㅥ	yeh	<u>y</u> esterday
ㅦ	wah	<u>w</u> ander
ㅧ	wae	wae (soft)
ㅨ	wuh	<u>w</u> onder

게	weh	w <u>e</u> d
기	uuhee	brok <u>e</u> n + m <u>e</u>

Simple consonants – Letters in [] show the transcription / sound when they are the final sound of a word, or when they are followed by another consonant. In some instances letters have alternate sounds. Some of these are shown in ().

Korean letter	Sound	Pronunciation reference
ㄱ	g [k]	-
ㄴ	n	-
ㄷ	d [t]	-
ㄹ	r [l]	-
ㅁ	m	-
ㅂ	b [p]	-
ㅅ	s (sh)	-
ㅇ	no sound as initial / [ng] as final	-
ㅈ	j (ch)	-
ㅊ	ch	-
ㅋ	k	-
ㅌ	t	-
ㅍ	p	-
ㅎ	h	-

Stressed consonants

Korean letter	Sound	Pronunciation reference
ㄱ	kk	sk <u>a</u> te
ㄷ	tt	st <u>a</u> in
ㅂ	pp	sp <u>o</u> ut
ㅅ	ss	ess <u>e</u> nce
ㅈ	jj	jo <u>i</u> n

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