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A1 - Hangul reading

Read Your First Korean Words

Build ten letters into six real words, then test yourself without romanization.



ONE HONEST PROMISE

Read six beginner words with a deliberately small letter set; this is not the complete Hangul alphabet.

Use it with the video

Watch the lesson once. On the second pass, pause before every reveal. Tomorrow, repeat the final test from page 5 before checking the answer key.

One block, one syllable beat

ㅏ	+	ㅑ	→	ㅑㅏ
consonant		vowel		syllable block

The ten letters in this lesson

ㅏ	ㅣ	ㅓ	ㅗ	ㅇ
a	ee	o	oo	silent at the start
vertical vowel	vertical vowel	horizontal vowel	horizontal vowel	silent initial placeholder
ㄴ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅈ	ㅅ
n	m	soft b/p	j	s
consonant	consonant	consonant	consonant	consonant

Remember: ㅇ is silent only when it opens the vowel-first syllables in this lesson. It still occupies the consonant position so the vowel can form a complete block.

Read the blocks from left to right

01	아 + 이	아이	child
02	오 + 이	오이	cucumber
03	나 + 무	나무	tree
04	바 + 나 + 나	바나나	banana
05	모 + 자	모자	hat
06	사 + 자	사자	lion

Practice cue: point to one block at a time. Say each syllable, then blend the complete word once at a normal pace.

Build, choose, and recall

1. Build the block. Combine $\text{ㅁ} + \text{ㅏ}$: _____

2. Read both. Which word means child?

아이 오이 Answer: _____

3. One letter changes. Which word means tree?

나무 나미 Answer: _____

4. Read both before choosing. Which is hat? Which is lion?

모자: _____ 사자: _____

5. Write from memory. Write the Korean word for banana.

Read before you uncover the meaning

Cover the right-hand column. Read every Korean word aloud. Then uncover the meaning and mark your result.

아이	child	☐ first try ☐ retry
오이	cucumber	☐ first try ☐ retry
나무	tree	☐ first try ☐ retry
바나나	banana	☐ first try ☐ retry
모자	hat	☐ first try ☐ retry
사자	lion	☐ first try ☐ retry

Score guide: 6 first tries = repeat tomorrow. 4–5 = repeat the missed words now. 0–3 = replay the guided lesson once, then return here.

Check, correct, repeat tomorrow

1	ㅁ + ㅈ → ㅁㅈ
2	아이 = child
3	나무 = tree
4	모자 = hat · 사자 = lion
5	바나나 = banana

Tomorrow's two-minute replay

1	Cover the meanings on page 5.
2	Read all six Korean words aloud.
3	Circle the words that need one more pass.
4	Return to the full video only if you need the guided build again.

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