



K-Culture Mini Handbook

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Language and culture go hand in hand. These bite-size customs will help you understand what's behind the words.

Everyday etiquette

- **Age matters:** speech level changes with who you talk to. 형/오빠/누나/언니 show respect.
- **Two hands:** give and receive things (and pour drinks) with two hands.
- **Shoes off:** always remove shoes when entering a home.
- **We over I:** Koreans often say 우리 (our) — 우리 나라, 우리 엄마.

Words with cultural weight

Korean	Meaning	Note
정 (jeong)	deep affection	the bond that grows between people
눈치 (nunchi)	social awareness	reading the room
화이팅	you can do it!	cheer of encouragement
수고했어요	good work	said after effort