



## Hangul Starter Guide

### 한글 입문 가이드

Hangul (한글) is the Korean alphabet — and it was designed to be easy. You can learn to read in a single afternoon. This guide walks you through the idea behind it and your very first characters.

### How Hangul works

- Letters combine into **syllable blocks** — one block = one syllable.
- Every block starts with a consonant, then a vowel (e.g. ㄱ + ㅏ = 가 "ga").
- If a syllable starts with a vowel sound, use the silent placeholder ㅇ (e.g. 아 "a").
- Read blocks left-to-right, top-to-bottom, then move to the next block.

### Your first 5 consonants

Letter	Sound	Example
ㄱ	g / k	가 (ga)
ㄴ	n	나 (na)
ㄷ	d / t	다 (da)
ㄹ	r / l	라 (ra)
ㅁ	m	마 (ma)

### Your first 5 vowels

Letter	Sound	Example
ㅏ	a	아 (a)
ㅑ	eo	어 (eo)
ㅓ	o	오 (o)
ㅕ	u	우 (u)
ㅣ	i	이 (i)

### Practice

Try reading these out loud: 가 · 나 · 다 · 라 · 마. Then mix vowels: 고 (go), 누 (nu), 디 (di). Once these feel natural, grab the full **Vowels & Consonants Chart** next.