

# Your Korean Self-Study Starter Pack

## A Companion Guide from Your Friendly Sunbae

Hello again!

It's your *sunbae*, Seconds. I'm so excited that you're ready to start your Korean learning journey! I created this starter pack to supplement the textbook guide and give you a few essential tools to hit the ground running.

A textbook gives you the path, but these resources are your map, compass, and first-aid kit. Use them to master the basics, organize your studies, and find great communities online. You can do this!

파이팅! (*Fighting!*)

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## 1. The Ultimate Hangul (한글) Cheat Sheet

Your first mission is to master the Korean alphabet. It's easier than it looks! Use this chart to learn the characters and their sounds. Focus on learning the sound each letter makes, not its English name.

### Vowels (모음)

Hangul	Romanization	Sound Example
ㅏ	a	like in "ah" or "father"
ㅑ	ya	like in "yard"
ㅓ	eo	like in "song" or "thought"
ㅕ	yeo	like "yonder"

ㅏ	o	like in "go" or "boat"
ㅑ	yo	like in " <b>yo</b> -yo"
ㅓ	u	like in "moon" or "through"
ㅕ	yu	like in " <b>you</b> "
ㅡ	eu	like "push" (without rounded lips)
ㅣ	i	like in "see" or "tree"

### Consonants (자음)

Hangul	Romanization	Sound Example
ㄱ	g / k	<b>go</b> (start of syllable), book (end)
ㄴ	n	<b>nose</b>
ㄷ	d / t	<b>day</b> (start), cat (end)
ㄹ	r / l	roll (start), full (end)
ㅁ	m	<b>mom</b>
ㅂ	b / p	<b>boy</b> (start), stop (end)
ㅅ	s / t	<b>sea</b> (start), basket (end)
ㅇ	(silent) / ng	(silent at start), <b>song</b> (end)
ㅈ	j	<b>jump</b>
ㅊ	ch	<b>church</b>

ㅋ	k	kite
ㅌ	t	talk
ㅍ	p	pool
ㅎ	h	home

**Pro Tip:** Remember that Korean is written in syllable blocks. Each block contains at least one consonant and one vowel. For example: ㅎ (h) + ㅏ (a) + ㄴ (n) = 한 (han); ㄱ (g) + ㅡ (eu) + ㄹ (l) = 글 (geul).

## 2. Your First 50 Korean Words & Phrases

This isn't just a random list. These are the high-frequency words and phrases you will see and use constantly. Start committing these to memory with your favorite flashcard app.

Korean (Hangul)	Romanization	English Meaning
<b>Greetings &amp; Essentials</b>		
안녕하세요	annyeonghaseyo	Hello (formal)
네	ne	Yes
아니요	aniyo	No
감사합니다	gamsahamnida	Thank you (formal)
죄송합니다	joesonghamnida	I am sorry (formal)
저기요	jeogiyo	Excuse me (to get attention)

주세요	juseyo	Please give me...
<b>Basic Questions</b>		
이거 뭐예요?	igeo mwoyeyo?	What is this?
이름이 뭐예요?	ireumi mwoyeyo?	What is your name?
어디에 있어요?	eodie isseoyo?	Where is it?
얼마예요?	eolmayeyo?	How much is it?
화장실이 어디예요?	hwajangsiri eodiyeyo?	Where is the bathroom?
<b>Key People &amp; Nouns</b>		
저	jeo	I / me (formal)
친구	chingu	Friend
사람	saram	Person
학생	haksaeng	Student
선생님	seonsaengnim	Teacher
책	chaek	Book
물	mul	Water
집	jip	House
학교	hakgyo	School
<b>Essential Verbs (Dictionary Form)</b>		

하다	hada	to do
가다	gada	to go
오다	oda	to come
먹다	meokda	to eat
마시다	masida	to drink
보다	boda	to see / to watch
읽다	ikda	to read
듣다	deutda	to listen
자다	jada	to sleep
이다	ida	to be

### 3. Weekly Korean Study Plan Template

Don't just study when you feel like it. Create a routine! Use this template to plan your week. Print it out or fill it in on your computer.

**Week of:** \_\_\_\_\_ | **My Goal This Week:** \_\_\_\_\_

Day	Textbook Study (Chapter/Pages)	Grammar Review	Vocabulary (15 min)	Listening/Speaking Practice
<b>Monday</b>			[ ] Anki/Memrise	[ ] Listen to a K-Pop song and look up

				lyrics.
<b>Tuesday</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Anki/Memrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch a short clip from a K-Drama.
<b>Wednesday</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Anki/Memrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Write 5 sentences using new grammar.
<b>Thursday</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Anki/Memrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Review and read sentences from yesterday aloud.
<b>Friday</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Anki/Memrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Listen to a TTMik podcast episode.
<b>Saturday</b>	(Review Day)	Review all grammar from this week.	<input type="checkbox"/> Anki/Memrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Chat with a language partner on HelloTalk.
<b>Sunday</b>	(Rest or Fun Day)		<input type="checkbox"/> Anki/Memrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch a Korean movie or variety show.

**Notes & Reflections for the Week:**

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## 4. Essential Online Resources & Links

Here are direct links to the best online tools to supplement your textbook. Bookmark them!

- **Online Dictionaries (Do NOT rely on Google Translate!)**
    - **Naver Dictionary:** <https://en.dict.naver.com/> (The gold standard for learners, with tons of example sentences).
    - **Papago:** <https://papago.naver.com/> (Excellent for translating phrases and checking nuances, made by Naver).
  - **Flashcard Apps (SRS - Spaced Repetition System)**
    - **Anki:** <https://apps.ankiweb.net/> (Powerful and fully customizable. A must-have for serious learners).
    - **Memrise:** <https://www.memrise.com/> (More game-like and user-friendly, great for beginners).
  - **Top YouTube Channels for Beginners**
    - **Talk To Me In Korean:** [@talktomeinkorean](https://www.youtube.com/@talktomeinkorean)
    - **Go! Billy Korean:** [@GoBillyKorean](https://www.youtube.com/@GoBillyKorean)
    - **Korean Unnie:** [@koreanunnie](https://www.youtube.com/@koreanunnie)
  - **Language Exchange Apps (Practice with Native Speakers)**
    - **HelloTalk:** <https://www.hellotalk.com/>
    - **Tandem:** <https://www.tandem.net/>
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