

Basic Vocabulary

Core Words

안녕하세요 (Annyeonghaseyo)	Hello/Hi (Formal)
감사합니다 (Gamsahamnida)	Thank you (Formal)
죄송합니다 (Joesonghamnida)	I'm sorry (Formal)
네 (Ne)	Yes
아니요 (Aniyo)	No
이름 (Ireum)	Name
물 (Mul)	Water
밥 (Bap)	Rice / Meal

Numbers

하나 (Hana)	One
둘 (Dul)	Two
셋 (Set)	Three
넷 (Net)	Four
다섯 (Daseot)	Five
여섯 (Yeoseot)	Six
일곱 (Ilgop)	Seven

Essential Grammar Points

Sentence Structure

Korean follows an Subject-Object-Verb (SOV) structure. Example: 난 사과를 먹는다. (Naneun sagwaleul meogneunda) - I eat an apple. (I apple eat.)
Particles are crucial as they indicate the role of nouns in a sentence. <ul style="list-style-type: none">이/가 (eun/neun) - Topic marker이/가 (i/ga) - Subject marker을/를 (eul/reul) - Object marker

Verb Conjugation

Korean verb conjugation changes based on politeness levels and tense. The most common polite form ends in -아요/어요 (-ayo/eoyo). Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">먹다 (Meokda) - To eat먹어요 (Meogeoyo) - Eat (polite form)

Politeness Levels

Korean has different levels of politeness, impacting verb endings and word choice. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Formal/Polite (하십시오체) - Used in presentations, news, and formal settings.Polite (해요체) - Commonly used in everyday conversation.Informal (해요체) - Used with close friends and family.

Pronunciation Guide

Basic Vowels

아 (a)	Pronounced like the 'a' in 'father'
에 (eo)	Pronounced like the 'u' in 'but'
오 (o)	Pronounced like the 'o' in 'go'
우 (u)	Pronounced like the 'oo' in 'moon'
이 (i)	Pronounced like the 'ee' in 'see'

Basic Consonants

ㄱ (g/k)	Similar to 'g' at the beginning and 'k' at the end of a word
ㄴ (n)	Similar to 'n' in 'no'
ㄷ (d/t)	Similar to 'd' at the beginning and 't' at the end of a word
ㄹ (r/l)	A sound between 'r' and 'l'
ㅁ (m)	Similar to 'm' in 'me'

Important Notes

Aspiration: Some consonants have aspirated versions (stronger puff of air), affecting pronunciation.
Tense Consonants: Double consonants are tense and require more force.

Useful Phrases

Greetings & Introductions

만나서 반갑습니다 (Cheoeum boepgetseumnida) - Nice to meet you (Formal)
만나서 기쁩니다 (Mannaseo bangapseumnida) - Pleased to meet you
제 이름은 [이름]입니다 (Je ireumeun [ireum]imnida) - My name is [name]

Basic Interactions

얼마예요? (Eolmayeyo?)	How much is it?
[장소] 어디예요? ([Jangso] eodiyeoyo?)	Where is [place]?
화장실 어디예요? (Hwajangsireun eodiyeoyo?)	Where is the bathroom?
도와주세요 (Dowajuseyo)	Help me

Expressing Needs

[물건] 주세요 ([Mueot] juseyo) - Please give me [item].
몰라요 (Ihae mot haeyo) - I don't understand.
한국말 잘 못해요 (Hangungmareul jal mot haeyo) - I don't speak Korean well.