20 Korean phrases for your first weeks in Korea

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BASICS

안녕하세요	*annyeong-haseyo*	Hello
감사합니다	*gamsa-hamnida*	Thank you
죄송합니다	*joesong-hamnida*	I'm sorry
네 / 아니요	*ne / aniyo*	Yes / No
저기요	*jeogiyo*	Excuse me (to get attention)
괜찮아요	*gwaenchanayo*	It's okay / I'm fine

SHOPPING & EATING

얼마예요?	*eolma-yeyo?*	How much is it?
이거 주세요	*igeo juseyo*	This one, please
카드 돼요?	*kadeu dwaeyo?*	Can I pay by card?
봉투 주세요	*bongtu juseyo*	A bag, please
돼지고기 들어가요?	*dwaeji-gogi deureogayo?*	Does this have pork?
돼지고기와 술을 못 먹어요	*dwaeji-gogi-wa sureul mot meogeoyo*	I can't eat pork or alcohol
포장해 주세요	*pojang-hae juseyo*	To go, please

GETTING AROUND

화장실 어디예요?	*hwajangsil eodi-yeyo?*	Where is the restroom?
이 버스 부산역 가요?	*i beoseu Busan-yeok gayo?*	Does this bus go to Busan Station?
여기서 내려요	*yeogiseo naeryeoyo*	I'll get off here

AT SCHOOL & OFFICES

천천히 말해 주세요	*cheoncheonhi malhae juseyo*	Please speak slowly
영어 할 수 있어요?	*yeongeo hal su isseoyo?*	Can you speak English?
다시 한번 말해 주세요	*dasi hanbeon malhae juseyo*	Please say it again
도와주세요	*dowa-juseyo*	Please help me

SHOW THIS AT RESTAURANTS

돼지고기와 술을 못 먹어요.
고기 육수도 안 돼요.

I can't eat pork or alcohol. No meat broth, please.

READ HANGUL: THE 14 BASIC CONSONANTS

ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ
g/k	n	d/t	r/l	m	b/p	s
ㅇ	**ㅈ**	**ㅊ**	**ㅋ**	**ㅌ**	**ㅍ**	**ㅎ**
silent/ng	j	ch	k	t	p	h

...AND THE 10 BASIC VOWELS

ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ
a	ya	eo	yeo	o	yo	u	yu	eu	i

Try it: 부산 = ㅂ+ㅜ + ㅅ+ㅏ+ㄴ = **Bu-san**

SAVE THESE NUMBERS

112	Police
119	Fire & ambulance
1345	Immigration (20 languages)
1330	Travel hotline / interpretation
1577-7716	Busan Global Center

MY KOREAN INFO

Write it in Korean and show it to taxi drivers or staff.

My address (주소)

My university (학교)

KEEP LEARNING

- **Your university's Korean institute (어학당)** — ask about free or discounted classes.
- **KIIP** — the government's low-cost Korean and society program. Apply on socinet.go.kr.
- **Busan Global Center** — Korean classes for foreign residents (1577-7716).
- **TOPIK** — the official test. Your level helps with scholarships, work hours and visas.

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