

Basics
C
 Level ①

Hard Hangul Sounds
 Korean building blocks



C New Hangul

In this lesson we learn four more consonants and five more vowels.

K	T	P	H

YA	YEO	YAE	YE	WA

as in yarn

as in we

as in yen

as in yen

as in wash

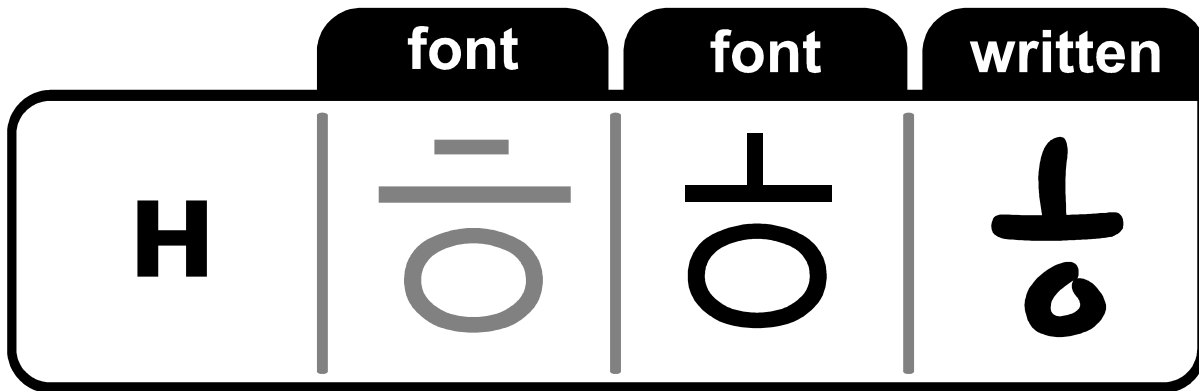
C Hangul Points

□ **C-1. The difference between ㅈ and ㅊ**

ㅈ and ㅊ are both pronounced like the “ye” in “yen”. In modern Korean there is no change in sound. You will see both symbols used in Korean words. Consider them just different ways of spelling. Just like in English you will have to learn the correct spelling.

□ **C-2. Written and typed versions of ㅎ**

ㅎ (H), will look very different depending on the font and when written. Look at how it can change.



□ **C-3. Hard and soft sounds with hangul**

If you are like me, you may be a bit frustrated with how ㅃ, ㅈ, ㅊ, and ㅋ seem to shift sounds in Korean. Koreans also have a hard time explaining the exact timing of the shift of these sounds. ㅃ is a “B” sound, but there are cases where it also sounds like a “P”. ㅈ is “D”, but in some cases it will be “T”. ㅊ is “J” but sometimes it’s “CH”. And finally, ㅋ is “G”, but in some cases it will sound like “K”.

You will find that in the beginning of a word ㅃ, ㅈ, ㅊ, and ㅋ will tend to be the “stronger” sounds like P, T, CH, and K. But they will be softer in the middle and end of words.

ㅍ (P), ㅌ (T), ㅊ (CH), ㅋ (K) on the other hand are ALWAYS the hard sounds.

C Writing Practice

To practice, first trace the light gray characters, then write each character six times.

ko	ㅋ	ㅋ						
teu	ㅌ	ㅌ						

C Hangul Matching

Connect the dots between each hangul and the correct Romanization.

히 ·	· teu
파 ·	· pa
와 ·	· hi
커 ·	· yae
트 ·	· gye
애 ·	· keo
랴 ·	· rya
계 ·	· hwa
화 ·	· wa

