
LEARN TO READ KOREAN IN 15 MINUTES
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OKAY, LOOK DUDES. I KNOW KOREAN LOOKS SUPER HARD TO READ.
LIKE ONE OF THOSE PICTORAL LANGUAGES WHERE YOU GOTTA LEARN A NEW SYMBOL FOR EVERY DANG WORD.
BUT IT'S ACTUALLY JUST A SUPER SIMPLE ALPHABET. MAYBE THE EASIEST ALPHABET IN THE WORLD.
UNLIKE OTHER WRITING SYSTEMS THAT EVOLVED OVER GENERATIONS, ONE DUDE SAT DOWN ONE DAY AND MADE UP THE KOREAN ALPHABET, SO THERE'S FEWER LETTERS AND THEY ALWAYS SOUND THE SAME. I'MA TEACH YOU.


OKAY, JUST REMEMBER THESE 11 LETTERS.
CONSONANTS
ㅇ NOTHING (MAKES NO SOUND- A PLACEHOLDER)
ㅂ BUCKET
ㄷ DOOR
ㄱ GUN
ㄹ RATTLESNAKE
ㅁ MAP
ㄴ NOSE
ㅣ PART 2
ㅅ SUMMIT
VOWELS
ㅣ
ㅡ
TREE
BROOK
OBVIOUSLY THOSE ARE NOT THE REAL NAMES. BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE TO ME, AND THE CIRCLED PART IS THE SOUND THEY MAKE!



EACH SYLLABLE IS SQUISHED INTO ONE BLOCK. EACH BLOCK MUST HAVE ONE CONSONANT AND ONE VOWEL.

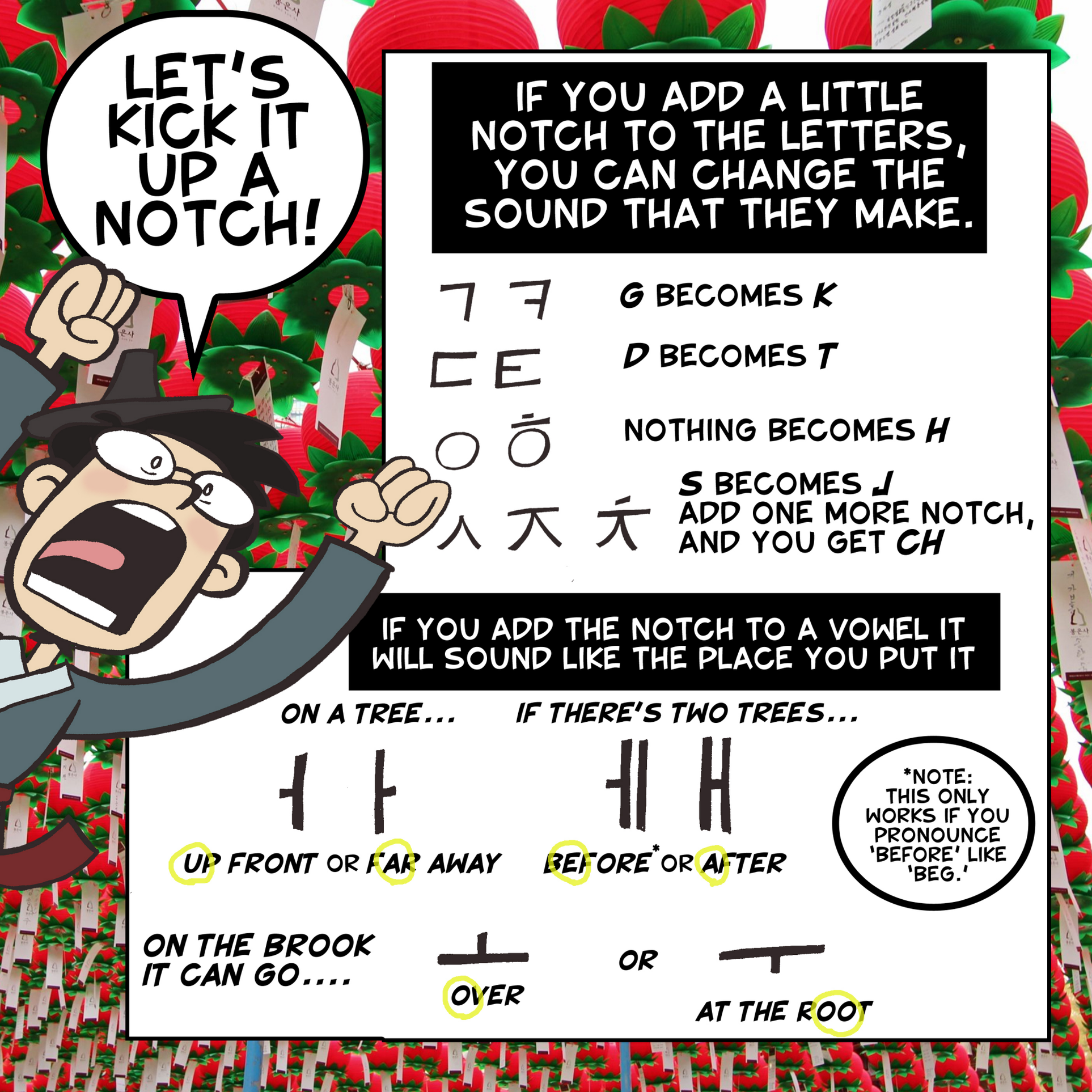
(IF YOU DON'T NEED A CONSONANT, YOU JUST USE 'NOTHING' AS A PLACEHOLDER)

이	EEH	으	
비	BEE	브	TRY SOUNDING THESE ONES OUT YOURSELF.
디	DEE	드	
기	GI	그	
리	REE	르	I MEAN *GOD*, WHY DO I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING?
미	ME	므	
니	KNEE	느	
피	PEE	프	
시	SHE	스	

IF YOU WANT YOU CAN ADD ONE MORE CONSONANT ON THE BOTTOM, AS A BONUS.

빈 BEAN

븍 BOOK


LET'S KICK IT UP A NOTCH!
IF YOU ADD A LITTLE NOTCH TO THE LETTERS, YOU CAN CHANGE THE SOUND THAT THEY MAKE.
ㄱ ㅋ
G BECOMES K
ㄷ ㅌ
D BECOMES T
ㅇ ㅎ
NOTHING BECOMES H
ㅅ ㅈ ㅊ
S BECOMES J
ADD ONE MORE NOTCH, AND YOU GET CH
IF YOU ADD THE NOTCH TO A VOWEL IT WILL SOUND LIKE THE PLACE YOU PUT IT
ON A TREE...
IF THERE'S TWO TREES...
ㅓ ㅏ
ㅐ ㅒ
UP FRONT OR FAR AWAY
BEFORE* OR AFTER
*NOTE: THIS ONLY WORKS IF YOU PRONOUNCE 'BEFORE' LIKE 'BEG.'
ON THE BROOK IT CAN GO....
ㅗ
OVER
OR
ㅜ
AT THE ROOT

JUST A COUPLE MORE RULES TO WRAP IT UP!

DOUBLE IT UP!

IF YOU DOUBLE UP A CONSONANT, NO BIG WHOOP, JUST STRESS THE SOUND.

ㅂ =B　　ㅃ =BB

IF YOU DOUBLE UP VOWELS, YOU JUST BLEND THE TWO SOUNDS. USUALLY IT JUST SOUNDS LIKE YOU ADDED A *W*.

와	외	왜	워	웨
WATER	WET	WAG	WE	WONDER

의 BROOK + TREE IS JUST *"UI"* THE 2 SOUNDS TOGETHER

AT THE END

IF YOU DOUBLE UP A NOTCH, IT JUST ADDS A *"Y"* SOUND.

여	야	예	얘	요	유
YUP	Y'ALL	YES	YAK	YO	YOU

THERE ARE 3 LETTERS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENT SOUND IF YOU PUT THEM AT THE END OF A SYLLABLE:

ㅇ
NOTHING MAKES AN *NG* IF YOU PUT IT AT THE END.

ㅅ
SUMMIT MAKES A *T* IF YOU PUT IT AT THE END.

ㄹ
RATTLESNAKE MAKES AN *L* IF YOU PUT IT AT THE END.

PRACTICE TIME! MATCH THE CHARACTERS TO THEIR NAMES!

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해리 포터

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SEE? SUPER EASY! PRACTICE WRITING YOUR OWN NAME, OR YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS'.
YOU MAY HAVE TO REPLACE A LETTER, OR ADD AN EXTRA VOWEL TO MAKE IT WORK.
F WILL BECOME P, V WILL BECOME B, Z WILL BECOME ㅈ.
..AND NOW YOU CAN READ AND WRITE HANGEUL, THE KOREAN ALPHABET!
GOOD JOB!
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