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1 Practising Korean vowel sounds

In the list below all the twenty-one Korean vowels are given with approximate Australian English equivalents. As we will learn in the next unit, each of the twenty-one Korean vowels – not just ‘single’ vowels (ie a, e, o, u and i

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2 Practising Korean consonant sounds

What are the consonants that you have in your language but not in Korean?

- As mentioned in the main text, b, d, g and j are pronounced the same

g

kk as in *sky*

n

d

tt as in *stop*

r/l

m

b

pp as in *spot*

s

ss

ng as in *sing*

j

jj

ch

k

t

p

h

3 Understanding basic Insa

Match each of the Korean Insa expressions on the left with its English equivalent on the right.

An-nyeong-ha-se-yo?	•	• Come in.
An-nyeong-hi ga-se-yo.	•	• Good-bye (to someone staying behind).
An-nyeong-hi gye-se-yo.	•	• Good-bye (to someone leaving).
An-jeu-se-yo.	•	• Hello. How are you?
Ban-gap-sseum-ni-da.	•	• See you again.
Deu-reo-o-se-yo.	•	• I'm sorry.
Eo-seo o-se-yo.	•	• It's O.K.
Gam-sa-ham-ni-da.	•	• Pleased to meet you.
Gwaen-cha-na-yo.	•	• Take a seat.
Mi-an-ham-ni-da.	•	• Sorry I'm late.
Ne.	•	• Thank you.
Neu-jeo-seo mi-an-ham-ni-da.	•	• Thank you.
Tto man-na-yo.	•	• Welcome.
Go-map-sseum-ni-da.	•	• Yes.

4 Reading basic Insa aloud

Read aloud each of the Korean Insa expressions.

- An-nyeong-ha-se-yo?
- An-nyeong-hi ga-se-yo.
- An-nyeong-hi gye-se-yo.
- An-jeu-se -nyeong- - -
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5 Exchanging Insa

6 Practise: What do you say?

Following is a series of social situations. Discuss with your instructor what would be an appropriate response. Note that in some cases no substantial response may be required.

1. A waitress brings your order.
2. The taxi-driver gives you your change.
3. The taxi-driver reminds you that you've left your umbrella in the cab.
4. The class starts at 11.00 a.m, you come at 11.20 a.m.
5. There is a knock, you open the front door and it is your friend.
6. You made a phone call on behalf of a friend who cannot speak English and are now responding to his thanks.
7. You finish a brief conversation with a friend whom you've met by chance on the street.
8. You greet your teacher.
9. The waiter brings your drink, it is not what you remember ordering, the waiter offers to change it, but you decide to keep it.
10. Your Korean class ends. Your teacher says "Thank you", you say to your teacher ...
11. The cashier gives you your change and thanks you for your custom.
12. A Korean friend makes a phone-call on your behalf to resolve a problem.

7 Hangeul preview: Consonants and vowels

Here are the lists of Korean consonants and vowels again, but this time with Hangeul letters as well. We invite you to have a close look at them, and discuss with your fellow students how tensed consonants and ‘complex’ vowels are represented in Hangeul in particular.

Consonants		Vowels	
g		a	as in <i>part</i>
kk	as in <i>sky</i>	ae	as in <i>cable</i>
n		ya	as in <i>yard</i>
d		yae	as in <i>yabby</i>
tt	as in <i>stop</i>	eo	as in <i>pot</i>
r/l		e	as in <i>pet</i>
m		yeo	as in <i>yonder</i>
b		ye	as in <i>yet</i>
pp	as in <i>spot</i>	o	as in <i>port</i>
s		wa	as in <i>wonder</i>
ss		wae	as in <i>wag</i>
ng	as in <i>sing</i>	oe	as in <i>wet</i>
j		yo	as in <i>your</i>
jj		u	as in <i>do</i>
ch		wo	as in <i>wobble</i>
k		we	as in <i>wet</i>
t		wi	as in <i>weeds</i>
p		yu	as in <i>few</i>
h		eu	as in <i>urn</i>
		ui	Say <i>Ernie</i> without the <i>n</i> (and without moving the lips)
		i	as in <i>feet</i>

8 Hangeul preview: Basic Insa

Below are basic Insa expressions again, written in Hangeul as well. Using the lists of Hangeul letters above, ascertain as much as possible how Hangeul letters are used. Do this exercise with your fellow students. In particular, do you see where spaces are? Do you see how ‘strangely’ the letter is used? Are there any discrepancies between what is romanised and what is written in Hangeul?

• An-nyeong-ha-se-yo?
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• Go-map-sseum-ni-da.
• 습 .

• An-nyeong-hi ga-se-yo.
• .

• Gwaen-cha-na-yo.
• 내 .

• An-nyeong-hi gye-se-yo.
• .

• Jon Me-i-seun-i-e-yo.
• 즌 슨 .

• An-jeu-se-yo.
• .

• Ka-il-li Wo-keo-ye-yo.
• .

• Ban-gap-sseum-ni-da.
• 습 .

• Mi-an-ham-ni-da.
• .

• Deu-reo-o-se-yo.
• 들 .

• Ne.
• .

• Eo-seo o-se-yo.
• .

• Neu-jeo-seo mi-an-ham-ni-da.
• 늦 .

• Gam-sa-ham-ni-da.
• .

• Tto man-na-yo.
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