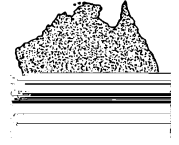


# 9

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In this Unit ...

- Countries and People
- *Where do you come from?*
- Using Description Verbs
- *Where is it located?*



## WHICH COUNTRY ARE YOU FROM?

In this Unit we learn to exchange personal information about ourselves, in particular, asking and telling people where we come from.

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### 1 Conversation

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**Translation**

Annie: Hello. ... How much are these pens?

## 2 Some Countries and Continents

/-	country, nation	/	Australia
	Korea (ROK)		Germany
/	North Korea		Russia
	Korea (DPRK)	/	France
	Japan	/	Italy
	China		Spain
	Taiwan		England, UK
	Mongolia		USA
	Vietnam		Asia
	Thailand		Oceania
	Malaysia		Europe
	Indonesia		America
/	India		Africa
	Pakistan		overseas
	Iran	...	which ...
	Iraq	-	from

### Korean names for countries

Korean names for countries usually reflect the historical period in which Korea first encountered those countries. Major Western Powers, for example, were first encountered in the mid to late 19th century, during the period of encroachment into China. So Korean terms for England and the US, for example, reflect Chinese practice at the time. Countries encountered later during the Japanese Colonial Period (1910-1945), such as Australia, are named according to Japanese practice. In the post-war era there has been an increasing tendency to simply name countries phonetically – the countries listed in Units 2 and 3 are examples of this.

### The names for Korea

The term (Han-guk) refers to the Republic of Korea, South Korea (1947-), by South Koreans. The full official title of the Republic of Korea is (Dae-han-min-guk), or *Great Han Republic*. *Han* is an age-old term denoting the inhabitants of the central and southern part of the Korean Peninsula, and was originally revived in the late 19th century. The South Koreans usually refers to North Korea as either (Puk-han), literally 'Northern Han' or (I-buk), literally 'the North'.

(Jo-seon) was the first kingdom of Koreans which was believed to exist until 108 BC in the South of the Liao He river and the northwestern part of the Korean peninsula, and the name was also used by Yi Dynasty which ruled the entire Korean peninsula from 1392 to 1910. These days is still in general use in North Korea, and appropriate changes would need to be made in a North Korean context: (Jo-seon sa-ram) when referring to Korean people; (Jo-seon-mal) when referring to the Korean language and so on. North Korea usually refers to South Korea as (nam-jo-seon).

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### 3 More Geography and Culture Words

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East, West, South, North

the East

the West

Middle East

Northeast Asia

Southeast Asia

English

French

German

Spanish

Arabic

## 5 Using Description Verbs

Korean lacks the class of description words we call adjectives in English. The counterparts in Korean of English adjectives are actually verbs: we will call them *Description Verbs*. To describe something we simply add the appropriate verb ending to the relevant description verb stem, just as we

## 6 Where Do You Come from?

We can ask this question by saying

Where do you come from?

To answer we can say

PLACE - I come from .

and (from there, ie, far from us). When is followed by an action verb that does not indicate motion it indicates the locality of the action indicated in the verb. This aspect of doesn't concern us at the moment, and will be covered in Unit 10.

**NOTES:** When followed by - (or indeed any other verb that indicates motion) is equivalent to the preposition 'from (a place)' in English. In normal conversation, the is dropped when preceded by (where), (here), (there, ie, near you) and (over there), and thus (from where), (from here), (from there, ie, near you),

### EXAMPLES

Where does Yukiko come from?	Where does Yukiko come from?
She comes from Japan.	She comes from Japan.

And we can ask, for example, *And where in Japan ...?* by saying:

Where in Japan does she come from?

Where in Japan does she come from?

## 7 Which/What Country Are You from?

If we want to ask specifically which country someone or something comes from, we can use:

What country are you from?

### EXAMPLES

What country are you from?	What country are you from?
I'm from China.	I'm from China.
What country is (the) person (from)?	What country is (the) person (from)?
He's/She's Japanese.	He's/She's Japanese.
What country is (the) language (from)?	What country is (the) language (from)?
It's Persian.	It's Persian.

## 8 Where Is It Located?

To ask this question we can say:

Where is the Taj Mahal?

To answer we can say:

It's in India.

- /- = Topic Marker ; Use - after a noun ending in consonants, and - after a noun ending in a vowel.

### EXAMPLES

Where's Taj Mahal?	Where's Taj Mahal?
It's in India.	It's in India.
Where's the video shop?	Where's the video shop?
It's near the station.	It's near the station.