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41 Essential Words & Phrases
for K-Pop & K-Drama Fans

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If you're here, it's because Korean has already found its way into your life — through a song that made you feel something, a drama that kept you up until 3am, or a phrase that you keep hearing and finally want to understand.

This Starter Pack gives you the 41 most useful Korean words and phrases for K-fans — organized by topic, with pronunciation guides and example sentences from real everyday Korean.

No textbook fluff. Just the Korean you actually need.

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Phrases Essential Korean Phrases

Greetings, apologies & daily expressions

1

안녕하세요

Hello (polite)

annyeonghaseyo

e.g. 안녕하세요, 저는 제니예요. → Hello, I'm Jenny.

2

감사합니다

Thank you (formal)

gamsahamnida

e.g. 도와주셔서 감사합니다. → Thank you for helping me.

3

죄송합니다

I'm sorry (formal)

joesonghamnida

e.g. 늦어서 죄송합니다. → I'm sorry for being late.

4

얼마예요?

How much is it?

eolmayeyo

e.g. 이 가방 얼마예요? → How much is this bag?

5

화장실 어디예요?

Where is the bathroom?

hwajangsil eodiyeyo

e.g. 저기요, 화장실 어디예요? → Excuse me, where is the bathroom?

6

이름이 뭐예요?

What is your name?

ireumi mwoyeyo

e.g. 안녕하세요! 이름이 뭐예요? → Hello! What is your name?

7

만나서 반갑습니다

Nice to meet you

mannaseo bangapseumnida

e.g. 처음 뵙겠습니다. 만나서 반갑습니다. → This is our first meeting. Nice to meet you.

8

사랑해

saranghae

e.g. 사랑해, 자기야. → I love you, honey.

I love you (casual)

9

보고 싶어

bogo sipeo

e.g. 너무 보고 싶어. → I miss you so much.

I miss you (casual)

10

잠깐 있어

jamkkan isseo

e.g. 잠깐 있어, 금방 올게. → Wait a moment, I'll be right back.

Wait a moment (casual)

11

잘 자요

jal jayo

e.g. 잘 자요! 내일 봐요. → Good night! See you tomorrow.

Good night / Sleep well

12

배고파요

baegopayo

e.g. 배고파요. 밥 먹어요. → I'm hungry. Let's eat.

I'm hungry

13

내일 봐요

naeil bwayo

e.g. 그럼 내일 봐요! → Alright, see you tomorrow!

See you tomorrow

14

몰라

molla

e.g. 몰라요, 저도 처음이에요. → I don't know, it's my first time too.

I don't know (casual)

15

정말요?

jeongmallyo

Really? / Seriously?

e.g. 정말요? 믿기지 않아요! → Really?! I can't believe it!

K-Culture Vocabulary

Words you hear in K-pop & K-drama

1

화이팅

Fighting! (cheer of encouragement)

hwaiting

e.g. 시험 잘 봐! 화이팅! → Do well on the exam! You've got this!

2

오빠

Older brother (used by females); also affectionate

oppa

e.g. 오빠, 같이 점심 먹을래? → Oppa, want to have lunch together?

3

진짜

Really / for real

jinjja

e.g. 진짜요? 믿을 수가 없어요! → Really? I can't believe it!

4

노래방

Karaoke room

noraebang

e.g. 오늘 밤 노래방 갈래요? → Want to go to noraebang tonight?

5

삼겹살

grilled pork belly

samgyeopsal

e.g. 오늘 저녁 삼겹살 어때요? → How about samgyeopsal tonight?

6

김치

fermented spicy vegetables (Korean staple)

gimchi

e.g. 김치 좋아해요? → Do you like kimchi?

7

형

older brother (used by males for older males)

hyeong

e.g. 형, 저 좀 도와줘요. → Hyung, please help me.

8

언니

eonni

older sister (used by females for older females)

e.g. 언니, 이거 어때요? → Unnie, what do you think of this?

9

소주

soju

Korean distilled spirit (clear liquor)

e.g. 소주 한 잔 어때요? → How about a glass of soju?

10

만화

manhwa

Korean comics / webtoons

e.g. 이 드라마는 만화 원작이에요. → This drama is adapted from a manhwa.

Grammar Essential Grammar Patterns

The sentence structures every beginner needs

1

-요

Polite informal sentence ending

-yo

e.g. 저는 학생이에요. → I am a student.

2

-습니다/습니

Formal sentence ending

-pnida/seumnida

e.g. 안녕하세요? 저는 김민준입니다. → Hello. I am Kim Minjun. (formal introduction)

3

-은/는

Topic marker particle

-eun/-neun

e.g. 저는 미국 사람이에요. → I am American. (As for me, I am American.)

4

-지 않다

Negation: does not / is not

-ji anta

e.g. 오늘은 학교에 가지 않아요. → I'm not going to school today.

5

있어요 / 없어요

There is / There isn't (existence)

isseoyo / eopseoyo

e.g. 시간이 있어요? → Do you have time? / Is there time?

6

-아/어 주세요

Please do (something) for me

-a/eo juseyo

e.g. 도와주세요. → Please help me.

Words Core Vocabulary

High-frequency words for everyday Korean

1

물

water

mul

e.g. 물 한 잔 주세요. → Please give me a glass of water.

2

밥

rice / meal

bap

e.g. 밥 먹었어요? → Have you eaten? (lit. Did you eat?)

3

친구

friend

chingu

e.g. 제 친구를 소개할게요. → Let me introduce my friend.

4

집

house / home

jip

e.g. 저는 서울에 집이 있어요. → I have a house in Seoul.

5

학교

school

hakgyo

e.g. 학교까지 걸어서 20분 걸려요. → It takes 20 minutes to walk to school.

6

사랑

love

sarang

e.g. 사랑은 아름다워요. → Love is beautiful.

7

음악

music

eumak

e.g. 음악 듣는 거 좋아해요. → I like listening to music.

8

영화

movie / film

yeonghwa

e.g. 영화 보러 갈래요? → Want to go watch a movie?

9

날씨

weather

nalssi

e.g. 오늘 날씨 어때요? → How is the weather today?

10

겨울

winter

gyeoul

e.g. 겨울이 왔어요. → Winter has come.

Korean Pronunciation Basics

Hangul — the Korean alphabet you can learn in a day

Basic Vowels

Hangul	Romanization	Sounds like...
아	a	father
에	e	bed
이	i	feet
오	o	more
우	u	cool
으	eu	hmmm (no lips)
애	ae	bag
야	ya	yarn
여	yeo	young
요	yo	yoga

Common Consonants

Hangul	Romanization	Sounds like...
ㄱ/기역	g/k	go / sky
ㄴ/니은	n	no
ㄷ/디귤	d/t	do / stop
ㄹ/리을	r/l	between r and l
ㅁ/미음	m	moon
ㅂ/비읍	b/p	boy / soup
ㅅ/시옷	s	sun
ㅈ/지읒	j	jump
ㅎ/히을	h	hat

Pro tip from Sorimate

Hangul is phonetic — once you learn these 24 letters you can read every Korean word.
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