

HOW TO WRITE A KOREAN ALPHABET WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATION

(This sound is very difficult to write in English, and is the reason why people from Korea/Japan have trouble pronouncing the R and L sound in English.)

Anyways, memorize the English equivalents of the characters to help you at this stage, but try not to think that the sounds are exactly the same. Blocks containing a horizontally drawn vowel are always drawn in one of these two ways: 4. A number of Korean scholars have proposed an alternative method of writing Hangeul involving writing each letter in a line like in English, rather than grouping them into syllable blocks, but their efforts have been met with little interest or enthusiasm. The writing is then read left to right, similar to western writing. If a student does find themselves feeling intimidated or becoming frustrated with the learning process, a Korean podcast can help them overcome any feelings of stress. In South Korea hanja are used to some extent in some Korean texts. Though the alphabet may seem difficult to learn at first, students should keep in mind that it was designed to be learned by all Koreans and there is nothing elitist about it. Spaces are placed between words, which can be made up of one or more syllables. I want to say one incredibly important thing before you continue. During the 19th and 20th centuries a mixed writing system combining Chinese characters Hanja and Hangeul became increasingly popular. The alphabet was originally called Hunmin jeongeum, or "The correct sounds for the instruction of the people", but has also been known as Eonmeun vulgar script and Gukmeun national writing. Since hanja have not been used at all in any North Korean publications, with the exception of a few textbooks and specialized books. Now, people consider Korean hangul writing to be one of the most scientific writing systems in the world because it can express more sounds more accurately than any other writing system can. The English letters presented above are the letters that you will commonly find being used to represent their respective Korean letters. Therefore, there is no perfect way to represent the Korean sounds in English. The only way to know exactly how a Korean letter sounds is to listen to it. The difference is very important because the way every Korean letter is written depends on if the vowel is drawn vertically or horizontally. Most modern Korean literature and informal writing is written entirely in hangeul, however academic papers and official documents tend to be written in a mixture of hangeul and hanja. The relationship between Korean and other languages is not known for sure, though some linguists believe it to be a member of the Altaic family of languages. Not only are Korean sounds different than English sounds but English sounds different depending on who is speaking because of accents. The proportion of hanja used in Korean texts varies greatly from writer to writer and there is considerable public debate about the role of hanja in Korean writing. There are 24 letters in the Korean alphabet: 14 consonants and 10 vowels. There are compound consonants and vowels too, but we form them by combining the basic consonants and vowels. The shapes of the consonants are based on the shape the mouth made when the corresponding sound is made, and the traditional direction of writing vertically from right to left most likely came from Chinese, as did the practice of writing syllables in blocks. The sound of this letter to me is half way between an R and L. The modern name for the alphabet, Hangeul, was coined by a Korean linguist called Ju Si-gyeong. Notable features of Hangeul Type of writing system: alphabet Direction of writing: Until the 19th century Korean was usually written from right to left in vertical columns. In the late 19th century the teaching of hanja was reintroduced in North Korean schools however and school children are expected to learn 2, characters by the end of high school. While it is helpful at first to memorize the general sound of a Korean letter by using the English letter but you have to remember that Korean sounds are vastly different than English sounds. Because of its inherent design the alphabet might not be so easy even a baby can learn it, but it does come close. The best thing you can do is listen to those audio recordings as much as possible to train your ear to the correct sounds. Indeed, the alphabet, which is called hangul, is purposely simple in design. When students first begin learning the alphabet it is helpful to remember that all consonants are designed to represent the shape the mouth will make as you pronounce it, and all vowels are designed using horizontal or vertical strokes. KoreanClass offers podcasts that can help students further their studies of the Korean language and get them to a point where they are comfortable conversing in the language with anyone.