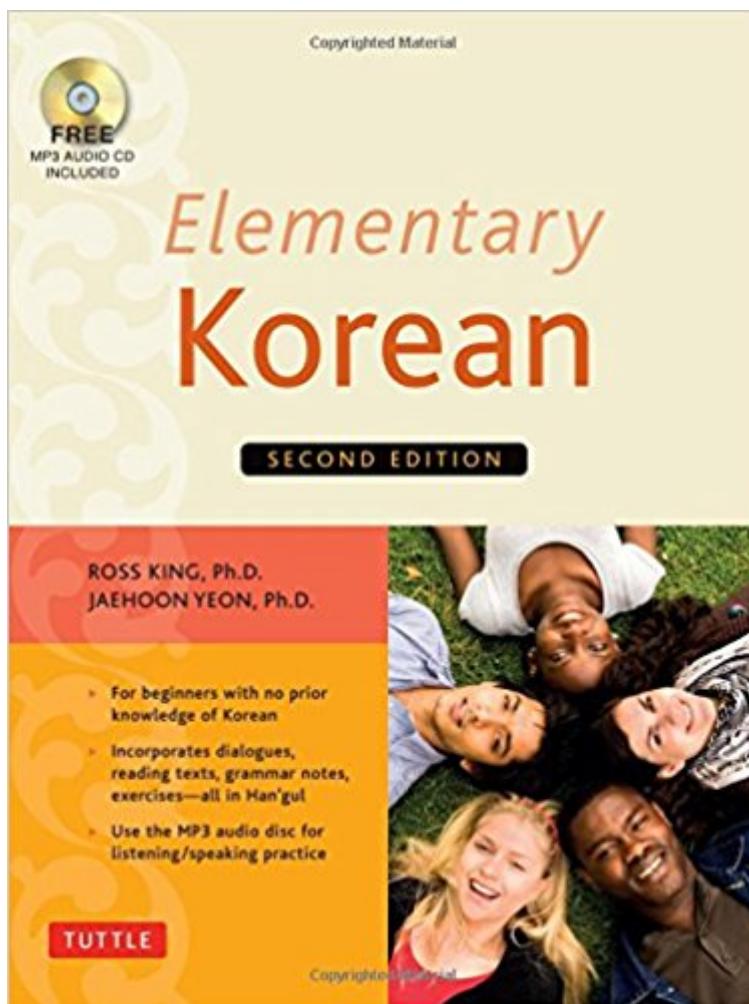


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# Elementary Korean: Second Edition (Audio CD Included)



## Synopsis

This is a comprehensive and detailed introductory Korean textbook and language learning package. Korean is now the 15th most popular language taught at American universities. This new edition of Elementary Korean, the most comprehensive and detailed introductory Korean textbook available, offers beginning learners of Korean everything they need to learn the language effectively. Perfect for a first-year university-level course use or for the independent language learner. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary. The new format, now with dozens of illustrations, presents Korean vocabulary and Korean grammar in an accessible and understandable manner while extensive conversations and exercises help to reinforce the Korean language and build reading and listening comprehension. This edition includes: An MP3 audio CD and dedicated website. Rich and highly nuanced examples with brand new illustrations. Detailed but on-technical grammar notes, ample writing exercises with an accompanying answer key. Detailed examples of authentic dialogue. Highly technical grammar notes. Plenty of writing practice. Dialogues, reading texts, and written exercises are in Hangul, the Korean alphabet, so students are quickly able to read and write authentic Korean. Layered lessons are designed to build on each other, making Korean easy to learn from the most popular introductory Korean language textbook available. Included is a revised audio CD that helps learners to speak like a native, and a web-based practice component through the University of British Columbia that can help students to learn Korean even beyond the pages of this book. According to the Modern Language Association, enrollment in Korean in American universities is growing rapidly. Available separately is the companion Elementary Korean Workbook. This helpful workbook will assist you in practicing and polishing your Korean language skills. Each lesson supplements the corresponding lesson in the textbook. There are ten activities per lesson, offering a range of exercises and practice opportunities to enable you to achieve proficiency in everyday, conversational Korean.

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I've been living in Korea, studying Korean from Korean-only textbooks. Having access to a modern, grammar-oriented, comprehensive textbook in English is a miracle at this point. It helps me articulate the points I've learned as well as the things I've picked up here and there but never fully understood. I can't give it five stars because for some reason, there is no spacing between words in the example Korean sentences. Its headache-inducing to read so when I bought Continuing Korean, I fully expected to skip over 2/3 of the book and cherry-pick the information I need. However, that book has correct formatting! Publishers, \*please\* fix the formatting issue, as for most first-time learners, it is more than enough to convince them to give up at the get-go.

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The information presented in Elementary Korean is essentially the backbone of my present Korean ability. In each lesson, aspects of Korean grammar are nicely layered on to what you have already learned in the previous lessons. Plus, this book forces you to learn Hangul because romanization is not given after the fourth lesson. This makes it a good resource for those intimidated by the Korean writing system. This book is an authentic textbook (like something one would certainly use in an university Korean language course), but it is well-equipped for the self-learner as well. The vocabulary presented in this text is clear and relevant; however, you won't realize this until the sixth

lesson (Lesson 5 introduces some odd vocabulary like "imported goods"). Also, the grammar notes are just detailed enough so that one can grasp the information without much external help. The dialogues presented at the beginning of each lesson are informative and sometimes amusing. And, usually, there are additional sentences for reading after the dialogues. The book provides many examples for each of the Korean grammar concepts it teaches, so you will learn exactly how to use them. It should also be noted that this book mainly deals with the polite style of Korean speech, but it introduces the other styles as well. The audio CD contains native speakers acting out the dialogues and reading the example sentences used in each lesson. Unfortunately, only the vocabulary from Lesson 5 is read on the CD. Personally, I find that the readers speak too quickly, but this can be easily remedied by slowing down the audio with Windows Media Player or something similar. The end-of-lesson exercises are highly pertinent to the material presented in the text, and the answers for every exercise is presented in the back of the book. I have noticed, however, that a few of the answers are incorrect. Ultimately, I suggest buying *Elementary Korean Workbook* along with this text. The lessons are thoroughly expounded in the workbook, and you get additional listening practice as well. On a final note, there is an index and glossary in the back. The Hanja for certain terms are displayed in the glossary, but this feature is not that useful for beginners with no background in Chinese characters. I thoroughly recommend this textbook for any newcomer to the Korean language.

This is a decent book to help you learn phrases and words, but it is only a supplement for on the side. I found it a little confusing and wish they had made it a little easier for the pronunciation of things. I didn't spend as much time on the book as I would have liked, since it was hard to keep my attention

I bought this book as well as "Korean for Beginners: Mastering Conversational Korean" to try to learn Korean on my own (with the very helpful help of a good friend who is a native speaker). I liked this book a bit better than Korean for Beginners. This book's style is definitely more like a typical textbook, so it is a bit dry, but the grammar and pronunciation lessons are quite a bit more comprehensive. I haven't finished the book yet, but I have been making measurable progress by studying the material presented. Until I find a better textbook, I would recommend this one to anyone who wants to learn to speak and read Korean.

Elementary Korean is simple and has a very easy and honest approach to learning Korean. Although

I am using it by myself (without the support system of classes and a teacher) I have found that it is increasingly easy to read and speak the language. It has a lot of exercises (with the answers included) and also a great audio cd so you can pick up the correct wording. I recommend it to anyone who wants to learn Korean, by yourself (as I do) or as a support book for classes.

Up-to-date contemporary phrases and expressions, concise lesson plans, with large glossary and language references, plus CD audio that can be uploaded to MP3 mobile player for additional learning and practice. Korean is not a language that can be picked up by a better book, but guided by a good book and persistent practice. If Spanish takes 2 hours a session, make Korean 4 hour sessions to reap any linguistic benefits.

I like it but I wish if they had the words in Korean written in English as well for beginners that can't read well not just English translation and more pictures.

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