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consonant groupings

ㄱ ㅋ

The Korean language was a designed language, and so it has many constructs in its design that was made to make learning Korean easier. The consonants have five main groupings. These characters look similar, and also sound similar. Some of these characters create only slightly different sounds than the other, and show a level of accent.

consonants

ㅋ

ㄱ ㅋ ㆁ

ㅇ ㆁ

ㄱ ㅋ ㆁ

ㄴ ㄷ ㄹ ㄺ

combining alphabet

Some consonants can be doubled to create more accute versions of the base consonant

doubling consonants

ㇿ

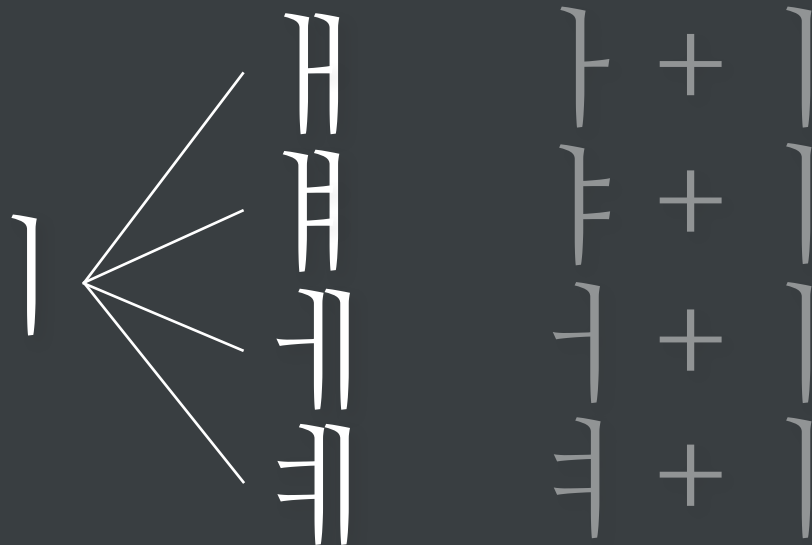
consonants that double

sound becomes more accute

ㇿ

ス ス

combining vowels



These vertical vowels can also be combined to create a more accented sound, off of their base sound. They are all combined with the [ㅣ] vowel to create a total of 9 vertical vowels in the Korean language.

character structure

top consonant

bottom consonant

vertical vowel

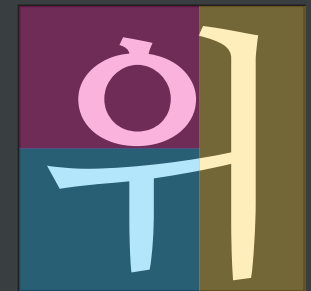
horizontal vowel

To create one Korean character,
you combine the vowels and
consonants in this order:

top consonant
horizontal vowel
vertical vowel
bottom consonant

to create one, flowing sound in
one syllable.

Six character types



example characters

비 닐 봉 투
막 내 네 레
작 살 당 했

Here's a few korean characters. First try to pronouce these words using the information from what you know about the Korean alphabet, then click on the character to get the sound.

example phrases (general)

Korean	Romanization	Meaning
네	nae	yes
아니요	ani-yo	no
하고	ha-go	and
안	gwen-chan-a-yo	Not (ahn-jo-a-yo - "I don't like," ahn-mat-is-seo-yo - "not tasty")
괜찮아요	gwen-chan-a-yo	okay (as in, "okay, yes please," "yes, it's okay," "that's okay, no thank you.")