

Korean

Vowels		Hangul	Romaja		Example	Romaja	Transcription
a		ㅏ	a		말	mal	[m a l]
e		ㅓ	e		베다	beda	[b e d a]
i		ㅣ	i		시장	sijang	[sh i jh a ng]
o		ㅗ	o		보리	bori	[b o rx i]
u		ㅜ	u		눈	nun	[n u n]
eo		ㅜ	eo		벌	beol	[b eo l]
eu		ㅡ	eu		어른	eoruen	[eo rx eu n]
ia		ㅑ	ya		향해	hyanghae	[hh ia ng hh e]
ie		ㅓ	ye		계란	gyeran	[g ie rx a n]
io		ㅛ	yo		교사	gyosa	[g io sc a]
iu		ㅠ	yu		휴지	hyuji	[hh iu jh i]
ieo		ㅟ	yeo		년	nyeon	[n ieo n]
ua		ㅑ	wa		과일	gwail	[g ua i l]
ue		ㅓ	we		궤	gwe	[g ue]
ui		ㅟ	wi		뒤	dwi	[d ui]
uo		ㅟ	weo		워	mwo	[m uo]
Initials							
g		ㄱ	g		기	gi	[g i]
kk		ㄲ	kk		끼	kki	[kk i]
k		ㅋ	k		키	ki	[k i]
d		ㄷ	d		달	dal	[d a l]
tt		ㄸ	tt		딸	ttal	[tt a l]
t		ㅌ	t		탈	tal	[t a l]
b		ㅂ	b		불	bul	[b u l]
pp		ㅃ	pp		뽕	ppul	[pp u l]
p		ㅍ	p		풀	pul	[p u l]
m		ㅁ	m		물	mul	[m u l]
n		ㄴ	n		날	nul	[n u l]
rx		ㄹ	r		바람	baram	[b a rx a m]
l		ㄹ	l		발레	balle	[b a l l e]
sc		ㅅ	s		살	sal	[sc a l]
sh		시, 샤, 세, 쇼, 슈, 셔	s(i)		시	si	[sh i]
s		ㅆ	ss		쌀	ssal	[s a l]
sy		씨, 싸, 세, 쏘, 쑤, 셔	ss(i)		씨	ssi	[sy i]
jh		ㅈ	j		자다	jal	[jh a l]
jj		ㅉ	jj		짜다	jjal	[jj a l]
ch		ㅊ	ch		차다	chal	[ch a l]
hh		ㅎ	h		하다	hada	[hh a d a]
q		(굶음)	N/A		(굶음)	Glottal Stop	N/A
y		야, 예, 요, 유, 여	y		양	yang	[y a ng]
w		와, 웨, 위, 워	w		웁	wol	[w o l]
wx		ㅛ	eu(i)		의사	euisa	[wx i sc a]
Finals							
kcl		ㄱ	-k		한복	hanbok	[hh a n b o kcl]
pcl		ㅂ	-p		섶	seop	[sc eo pcl]
tcl		ㄷ	-t		다섯	daseot	[d a sc eo tcl]
l		ㄹ	-l		말	mal	[m a l]
ng		ㅇ	-ng		방	bang	[b a ng]
m		ㅁ	-m		밤	bam	[b a m]
n		ㄴ	-n		반	bang	[b a n]

English

Vowels		English Approximation		Example	Transcription
aa		"ah"		"job"	[jʰ aa b]
ae		"ae"		"have"	[hh ae v]
ah		"uh"		"cup"	[k ah p]
ao		"aw"		"law"	[l ao]
ax		Schwa/Accented Phoneme		"about"	[ax b aw tʃ]
eh		"eh"		"leg"	[l eh g]
er		"er"		"burn"	[b er n]
ih		"ih"		"this"	[dh ih s]
iy		"ee"		"tree"	[t r iy]
uh		"eu"		"could"	[k uh d]
uw		"ooh"		"lose"	[l uw z]
aw		"ow"		"loud"	[l aw d]
ay		"eye"		"like"	[l ay k]
ey		"ey"		"say"	[s ey]
ow		"oh"		"close"	[k l ow z]
oy		"oy"		"point"	[p oy n t]
Initials and Finals					
b		"b"		"bar"	[b aa r]
ch		"ch"		"chair"	[ch eh r]
d		"d"		"desk"	[d eh s k]
dh		voiced "th"		"there"	[dh eh r]
f		"f"		"fire"	[f ay er]
g		"g"		"guest"	[g eh s t]
jh		"j"		"just"	[jʰ ah s t]
k		"k"		"kid"	[k ih d]
l		"l"		"lead"	[l iy d]
m		"m"		"miss"	[m ih s]
n		"n"		"net"	[n eh t]
p		"p"		"poor"	[p uh r]
r		"r"		"race"	[r ey s]
s		"s"		"sale"	[s ey l]
sh		"sh"		"share"	[sh eh r]
t		"t"		"town"	[t aw n]
th		unvoiced "th"		"thumb"	[th ah m]
v		"v"		"vase"	[v ey s] or [v aa z]
z		"z"		"zoo"	[z uw]
zh		"zh"		"genre"	[zh aa n rx ah]
Initials					
hh		"h"		"hair"	[hh eh r]
w		"w"		"wear"	[w eh r]
y		"y"		"you"	[y uw]
Finals					
ng		"ng"		"bring"	[b r ih ng]
Intervocalic					
dx		Allophone for "d" and "t" in some accents. Optional, though recommended.		"butter"	[b ah dx er]
q		Glottal Stop. Optional, though recommended.		"uh-oh"	[uh q ow]

Misc.

Extras		
exh		End-Breath
axh		Stylized Released/Voice Crack
cl		Consonant Gemination
vf		Vocal Fry