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### Do-it-Yourself Dictionary

You may be at the point where you want to start to look for certain words in Korean. While many tools will do the trick, today we'll introduce you to the most widely used dictionary in Korea: Naver.

Naver isn't just a dictionary, it's an entire search engine that Koreans use for multiple purposes. Google and other search providers that are popular in other countries aren't widely used in Korea. While Naver has multiple applications and uses, today we are going to focus on the dictionary function. This will help boost your ability to express yourself as well as understand more of what you read!

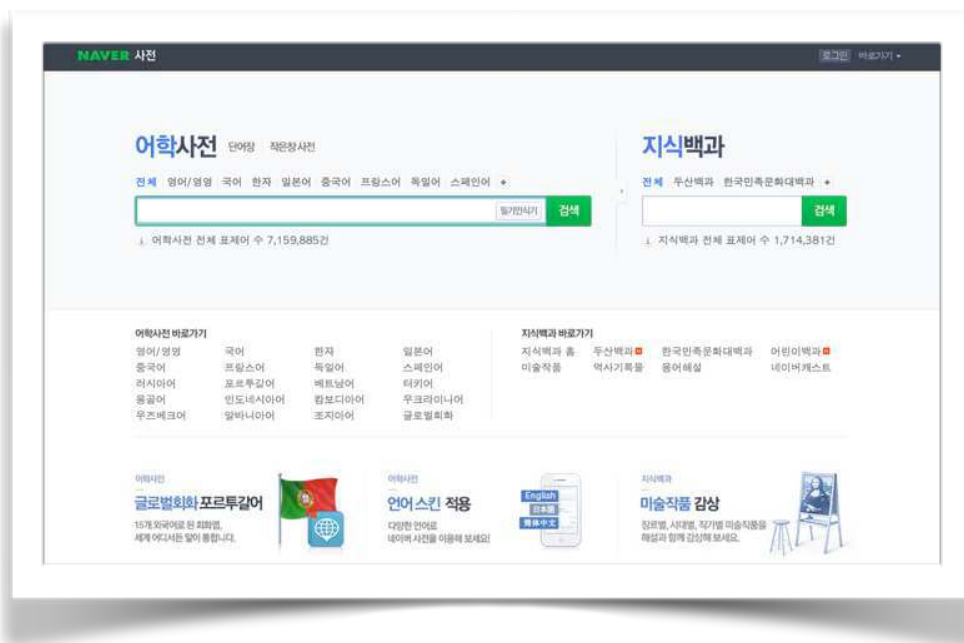
In order to use the Naver dictionary, you will need an internet connection. If using the internet while studying Korean isn't possible for you, then you can always go with an offline dictionary. We'll explain more about those shortly. If you're on a computer, simply type in the address for Naver, which is [www.naver.com](http://www.naver.com). Once you are on the main page,

you'll need to click on the word 사전, which is “dictionary” in Korean.

사전  
dictionary



Once you click on 사전, it will bring you to a page that looks like this:



This is the main dictionary page. Naver is a very robust dictionary, and allows you to search for Korean words in multiple languages.

Here is the translation for the search options above:



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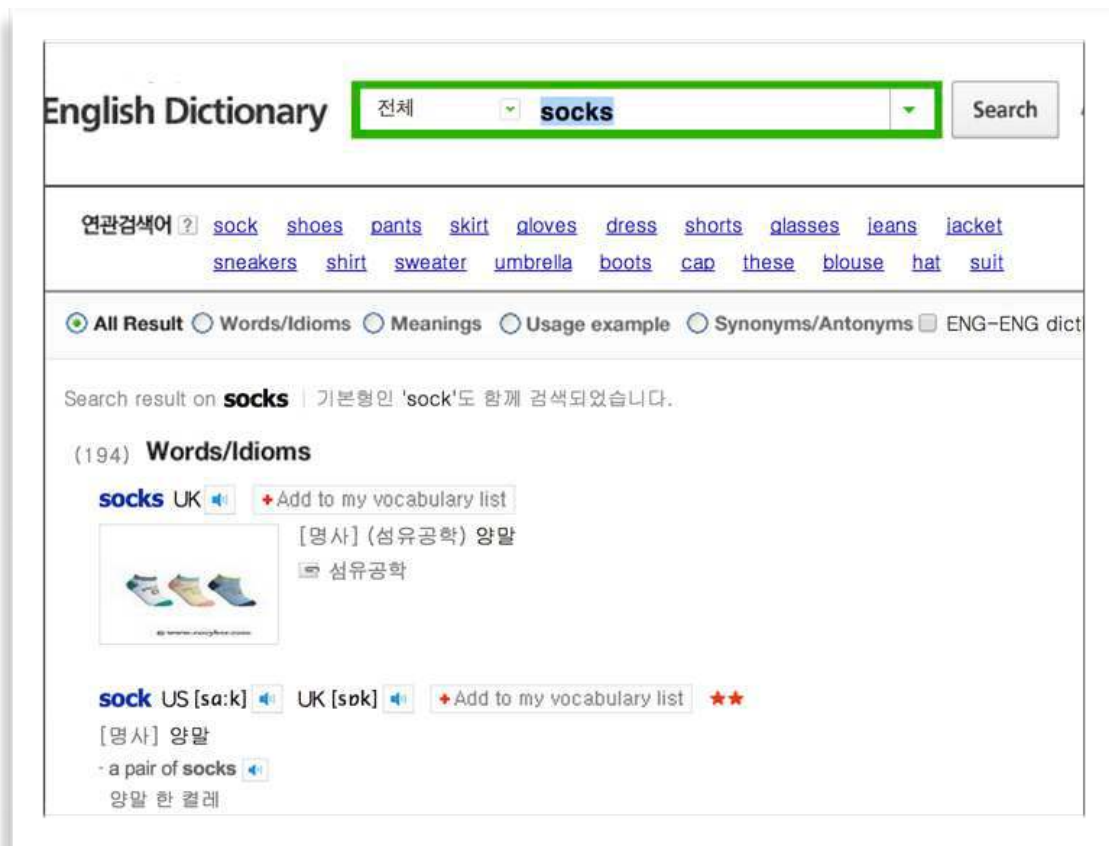
Let's do a practice search. Click on the **영어/영영** link to focus on English, and we will find our first word.

In the text box, type in the word "socks." Do you know what it is in Korean?

Once you type in the word "socks", press search (검색).



Your results should look something like this:



If you scroll down the page, you'll notice they have some explanations for socks in both UK and US English. The Korean word for socks, 양말, can be found in both examples. Naver also gives sample sentences to show how vocabulary is used.

One of the great benefits of using Naver Dictionary is that if you type in different forms of Korean words, it will still recognize the word and give you the base form. This will be

especially useful when we are searching for conjugated verbs after they've been dressed up!

You can also do the reverse of this search. Copy the text 양말, paste it in the search box, and press search (검색).

You should end up with the same results, but this time the translation is in English along with the sample sentences.

Quite useful, isn't it?

There are also smartphone application versions of Naver Dictionary for both iPhone and Android. Simply type in "Naver Dictionary" or "네이버사전" and you should see this logo:



If you want to go with an offline option, one of the most popular dictionaries is made by YBM. It is available for both iPhone and Android.

These are paid options, but there are plenty of free ones as well. It's best to search around and find one that you like since they are updated quite frequently.

It's a good idea to bookmark Naver Dictionary and visit often. The more you use it, the more comfortable and natural it will become to use it.

Now anytime you have something that you want to express in Korean, you'll just be a few clicks away from adding it to your arsenal of vocabulary.

Happy word hunting!

-The 90 Day Korean Team