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From: Korean Sentence Structure – Basic word order and patterns

This Korean Sentence Structure resource called the Korean Kickstarter is a onepage 80/20 tool to kick-start your Korean sentence building. In Korean, by altering the endings you attach to your verbs, you can easily make subtle distinctions in the meanings of your sentences. Learning different endings is a quick way to advance your Korean. You can use this as just one part of your overall plan for how to learn Korean in 90 days!

These tips use Hangul, the Korean alphabet. If you haven't learned to read the Hangul yet it should definitely be on your shortlist if you're serious about learning Korean. It's super easy and you can learn it for free in just 90 minutes!

한국어 (Korean)	English		
하다	To do		
가다	To go		
오다	To come		
보다	To see		
먹다	To eat		
자다	To sleep		
읽다	To read		
쓰다	To write		

To get started, we just need to memorize a few common verbs:

To memorize these words more easily, we can use some simple methods for memorizing Korean vocabulary or make funny visual associations using some similar-sounding English words.

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For example, how about picturing people eating a "mug" for "먹다." Yum yum! Draw it on paper to really lock in the visual. Now that's a tough picture to get out of your head!

With these basic building blocks, we can start to expand our knowledge quickly and put them to use! While many Korean students may be stuck at the stage of memorizing vocabulary for weeks or even months, unable to communicate in Korean, we can start expressing any idea quickly by memorizing a few verb conjugations.

If you're not familiar with the term "conjugation", it simply means "dressing up" a verb in different clothing for different situations. For example, you might dress up some verbs to represent past tense, some present tense, and some to talk about the future. You might also dress them up according to formality. Sometimes fancy, sometimes casual, sometimes seasonal. Same verb, but different look depending on the situation!

For our first example, we can use the verb 자다 (to sleep) to express ourselves using four basic sentences. You'll find the verb root (자) in each of them. The (자) is **bolded** so you can see it more easily.

한국어 (Korean)	English		
자 야 해요	l must sleep		
자 고 싶어요	l want to sleep		
잘 거예요	I will sleep		
잘 수 없어요	l can't sleep		

Now, let's compare these four sentences to the following which use the verb 가다 (to go):

한국어 (Korean)	English		
가 야 해요	l must go		
가 고 싶어요	l want to go		
갈 거예요	I will go		
갈 수 없어요	l can't go		

The verb root (가) is found in the same place as the sentences using 자다 (to sleep).

By memorizing these few conjugations, we can plug in different verbs as we learn them and express ourselves using simple sentences.

See the chart on the next page.

One-Page Korean Kickstarter

\sim	MUST	WANT	GOING TO	CANT
DO	hae-ya-hae-yo	ha-go-sip-eo-yo	^{hal-geo-ye-yo}	hal-su-eob-seo-yo
	해야 해요	하고 싶어요	할 거예요	할 수 없어요
	Must do	Want to do	Going to do	Can't do
GO	^{ga-ya-hae-yo}	^{ga-go-sip-eo-yo}	^{gal-geo-ye-yo}	gal-su-eob-seo-yo
	가야 해요	가고 싶어요	갈 거예요	갈수없어요
	Mu st go	Want to go	Going to go	Can't go
COME	wa-ya-hae-yo	o-go-sip-eo-yo	ol-geo-ye-yo	ol-su-eob-seo-yo
	와야해요	오고 싶어요	올 거예요	올수없어요
	Must come	Want to come	Going to come	Can't come
SEE	^{bwa-ya-hae-yo}	bo-go-sip-eo-yo	^{bol-geo-ye-yo}	bol-su-eob-seo-yo
	봐야 해요	보고 싶어요	볼 거예요	볼 수 없어요
	Must see	Want to see	Going to see	Can't see
EAT	^{meog-eo-ya-hae-yo}	meok-go-sip-eo-yo	meog-eul-geo-ye-yo	meog-eul-su-eob-seo-yo
	먹어야 해요	먹고 싶어요	먹을 거예요	먹을 수 없어요
	Must eat	Want to eat	Going to eat	Can't eat
SLEEP	ja-ya-hae-yo	ja-go-sip-eo-yo	jal-geo-ye-yo	jal-su-eob-seo-yo
	자야 해요	자고 싶어요	잘 거예요	잘 수 없어요
	Must sleep	Want to sleep	Going to sleep	Can't sleep
READ	^{ig-eo-ya-hae-yo} 읽어야 해요 Must read	^{ig-go-sip-eo-yo} 읽고 싶어요 Want to read	ig-eul-geo-ye-yo 읽을 거예요 Going to read	ig-eul-su-eob-seo- yo 읽을 수 없어요 Can't read
WRITE	sseo-ya-hae-yo	sseu-go-sip-eo-yo	sseul-geo-ye-yo	sseul-su-eob-seo-yo
	써야 해요	쓰고 싶어요	쓸 거예요	쓸수없어요
	Must write	Want to write	Going to write	Can't write

All you need to do is memorize these few verb conjugations, and you get access to many more sentences as you add new verbs to your vocabulary! It helps open up the language and express any idea very quickly. Add these conjugations to your flash cards so you can learn them even more quickly.

In many cases, the -C} ending of the verb has just been dropped and the new ending applied. These are the magic bullets that will help you get started as early as possible expressing more complex ideas. Use this as a kick-start in your Korean language learning journey and adjust on the fly.

Recognizing these patterns is the key to learning Korean fast! Since Korean is known as a scientific language, many of the rules for verbs carry over to lots of other verb conjugations! Think of them as building blocks for learning the Korean language.



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