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* Sharing a meal
* Going out on the town
* Developing a romantic relationship

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Making Out in Korean

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Introduction

Making Out in Korean introduces a colloquial form of spoken Korean, which you would not learn at any formal language course. It gives you an edge when maneuvering through the ins and outs of everyday life in Korean.

Unlike English, Korean has several speech levels that are formally codified. Age, social standing or the degree of intimacy you have with the person being addressed determines the level of politeness you should adopt. The different speech levels are marked by the verb endings placed at the end of sentences. Needless to say, you are required to use the polite form with strangers, your seniors and to those of a higher social status. However as your relationship with them develops, a more relaxed and casual form of the language may be adopted.

Making Out in Korean presents the intimate and colloquial speech level of Korean that is often used among very close friends including couples. This book contains “street-Korean” in addition to derogatory and vulgar expressions to enrich your spoken Korean!

Apart from the “Curses and Insults” section, any words requiring caution are marked and coupled with explanations to avoid misuse. Although most of this phrase book adopts an intimate and colloquial style of speech, selected expressions are presented in the polite (informal) form, when necessary, and are marked in brackets. The polite (informal) form of Korean is achieved by attaching -yo at the end of intimate speech forms, which usually end in -a or -eo.

Care should be taken not to jump the gun before a relationship has matured. Using an informal or vulgar speech level in the wrong social context would be considered extremely insulting to a Korean person. To be on the safe side, refrain from adopting such levels of speech until the other party initiates it or both parties have reached a mutual agreement to do so.

Basic Grammar
The Korean language follows the word order of Subject-Object-Verb as opposed to the word order (Subject-Verb-Object) of English. Verbs are placed at the end of sentences, a position that reflects its importance in Korean grammar.

I am going to school.  
학교 가.  
hak-kyo ga. (Statement)

Literally means “School go.”

Another salient feature of spoken Korean is that any element of the sentence may be omitted except the verb as long as you can clearly gather from the context what is being talked about. As a result, a single verb can be a complete sentence in Korean as indicated by the third example below.

Go to school!  
학교 가.  
hak-kyo ga! (Command)

Literally means “School go.”
Let's go to school.  
학교 가.  
Literally means “School go.”

Are you going?  
가?  
Literally means “Go?”

Going to school! (You're joking!)  
학교 가!  

In Korean, the same sentence structure can be used for both sentences and statements. The following examples illustrate that by merely substituting the question word “where” with “school” changes a question into a declarative statement:

Where are you going?  
어디 가?  
Literally means “Where go?”

I am going to school.  
학교 가.  
Literally means “School go.”

Expressions in the intimate form of speech can be converted into the polite (informal) form by simply adding -yo at the end, which usually end in -a or -eo:

학교 가.  

Reading Romanized Korean

Two systems are used to show the pronunciation of the Korean phrases in the ordinary English alphabet.

The upper line on the right of the page follows the official Revised Romanization of Korean prepared and authorized by the Korean government in 2000. The letters used in this transcription have to be pronounced in a certain way only: they should not be treated like the letters in English which have different sounds in different words, for example the a in ‘apple,’ ‘father,’ ‘syllable’ and ‘date.’

Because it can at first be quite difficult for English speakers to read romanized Korean correctly, an approximate phonetic equivalent, designed to reflect the closest English equivalent to each Korean sound, is given in a second line underneath the official transcription of each phrase. Where necessary, a hyphen (-) is used to mark a syllable boundary so that any confusion in pronunciation is avoided.

Each phrase is also written in Korean script immediately under the English equivalent on the left of the page, so that if you have difficulty in making yourself understood by following the romanized versions you can show the book to the person you’re talking to and they will be able to read what you mean.
Consonants

(1) Simple consonants

\[ g, k \quad n \quad d, t \quad r, l \quad m \quad b, p \]
\[ s \quad ng \quad j \quad ch \quad k \quad t \]
\[ p \quad h \]

(2) Double consonants

\[ kk \quad tt \quad pp \quad ss \quad jj \]

Most of the consonants are pronounced as in English except the tensed (double) consonants.

Double Consonants

There isn't much problem pronouncing romanized Korean except the tensed (double) consonants that require a relatively strong muscular effort in the vocal organs without the expulsion of air.

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Vowels

(1) Simple vowels

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<td>as in “father”</td>
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<td>eo</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “turd”</td>
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<td>o</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “fall”</td>
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<td>u</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “boo”</td>
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<td>eu</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “taken”</td>
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<td>i</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “see”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ae</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “tad”</td>
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<td>e</td>
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<td>as in “beg”</td>
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<tr>
<td>oe</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “welcome”</td>
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<tr>
<td>ya</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “yarn”</td>
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<td>yeo</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “yonder”</td>
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<td>yo</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “yogurt” (said with a slight pull)</td>
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<td>yu</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “yule” (said with a slight pull)</td>
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<td>yae</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “yak”</td>
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<td>ye</td>
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<td>as in “yes”</td>
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<td>wa</td>
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<td>wae</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “wax”</td>
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<td>wo</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in “wonderful”</td>
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<td>wi</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>as in the “weed”</td>
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<td>ui (ooe)</td>
<td>?url</td>
<td>this is a combination of 2 sounds u as in “pull” followed by ee as in “see.”</td>
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The Korean writing system, Han-geul (한글) demands that any written syllable must begin with a consonant sign. This means that even when a syllable begins with a vowel sound (the syllable contains no spoken consonants) you have to start the syllable with the zero consonant ăr, which has no sound.

- a (ah) 아
- u (oo) 우
- ae (a) 애
- eo (er) 어
- eu (oh) 유
- e (e) 이
- o (aw) 오
- i (ee) 이
- oe (we) 외

**What's Up?**

**POLITE GREETINGS**

How are you? 안녕하세요?
annyeonghaseyo?* ahn-nyawng-hah-seyo?

I'm fine, thanks. And you? 네, 안녕하세요?
ne, annyeonghaseyo? ne, ahn-nyawng-hah-seyo?

Annyeonghaseyo? 안녕하세요? is a greeting that asks about the other person's well-being or good health. This expression can be used at any time of the day as "Good morning," "Good afternoon," "Good evening," "Hi," "Hello," or "How's it going?" The common response is simply ne, annyeonghaseyo?

How do you do? 첫음 빵겼습니다.
cheo-eum boep-kket-sseumnida.
cher-ohm bwep-kket-ssohm-nee-dah.

What's new? 별일 없지요?
byeollil eop-jiyo?
byawlleeel erp-jeeto?

—Nothing much.
geujeo geuraeyo.
goh-jeer gah-rayo.

—Things are hard.
jom himdeureoyo.
jawm heem-dohr-eryo.

—Things are busy.
jom bappayo.
jawm bah-ppah-ryo.

How have you been? 요즘 어떻게 지내세요?
yojeum eotteoke jinaeseyo?
yo-johm ertter-ke jeena-seyo?
CASUAL GREETINGS BETWEEN CLOSE FRIENDS

How are you doing?
잘 있었어요?
jal isseosseo?
jahl eess-seessar?

Yo, what's up?
아, 잘 있었어요?
ya, jal isseonnya?
yah, jahl eess-ernnyah?

Dude, what's up?
새끼, 잘 있었어요?
saecki, jal isseonnya?
sakkee, jahl eess-ernnyah?

자식, 잘 있었어요?
jasik, jal isseonnya?
jah-seek, jahl eess-ernnyah?

*Saekki “baby animal” and jasik “human baby” are used in Korean slang the way “asshole” is used in American English. When said to one’s closest friends, they can be expressions of affection – but handle with care.

—Yeah, man!
그래, 이 자식아!
geurae, i jasiga!
ghora, ee jahseegah!
Handle with care.

Where did you go?
어디 갔었어요?
eodi gaseoseosseo?
er-dee gahsser-sser?

It's been a while.
오랜만이야.
oraenmaniya.
aawran-mahnee-yah

—Yeah!
그래!
geurae!
ghora!

—Yeah, it's been ages.
그래, 오랜만이야.
geurae, oraenmaniya.
ghora, awran-mahnee-yah.

How’s Peter/Mary?
피터 / 메리 잘 있어요?
Peter/Mary jahh isseosseo?
Peter/Mary jahl eesser?

—Yeah, Peter/Mary is fine.
응, (피터 / 메리) 잘 있어요.
eung, (Peter/Mary) jahh isseosseo.
ohnng, (Peter/Mary) jahl eesser.
The subject is often omitted when it is clearly understood from the context.

How are Peter and Mary?
피터하고 메리 잘있어요?
Peter hago Mary jahh isseosseo?
Peter hah-gaw Mary jahl eesser?

—Yeah, Peter and Mary are fine.
응, (피터하고 메리) 잘 있어요.
eung, (Peter hago Mary) jahh isseosseo.
ohnng, (Peter hah-gaw Mary) jahl eesser?

Anything new with Peter/Mary?
피터 / 메리 별일 없어요?
Peter/Mary byeollil eopseo?
Peter/Mary byawlilel erpser?

—Yeah, he/she’s doing fine.
응, 별일 없어요.
eung, byeollil eopseo.
ohnng, byawlilel erpser.
—Yeah, he/she's OK.
응, 잘 지내.
eung, jal jinae.
ohng, jahl jeena.

—Yeah, he/she's doing so-so.
응, 그저 그래.
eung, geujeo geurae.
ohng, goh-jeor goh-ra.

What's wrong, man?
왜 그래, 임마?
wa goh-ra, eem-mah.

Handle with care.

—Nothing's wrong with me.
아무것도 아니야.
amugeot tto aniya.
ahmoogert-taw ahnee-yah.

What are you doing here?
어 сочета 이 야?
eojjeon iriya?
erjern eereeyah?

—Nothing special.
그냥.
geunyang.
goh-nyahng.

Really?
정말?
jeongmal?
jerng-mahl?

Are you serious?
진짜?
jinjja?
jeen-jjah?

Oh, yeah?
그래?
geurae?
goh-ra?

You're lying!
거짓말!
geojinmal!
geor-jeen-mah!

Are you lying?
거짓말이지?
geojinmariji?
geor-jeen-mahree-je?

Don't lie!
거짓말 마!
geojinmal ma!
geor-jeen-mahl mah!

Stop lying!
거짓말 하지 마! 그만 해!
geojinmal geuman hae!
geor-jeen-mahl goh-mahn ha!

What?
뭐?
mwo?
mwo?

Huh?
어?
eoh?
erh?

I don't believe it!
믿을 수가 없어!
mideul su ga eopseol!
meed-ohl soo gah erpser!

Why?
왜?
wae?
wah?

Why not?
왜 아니야?
wae aninya?
wah ah-nee-yah?

You're joking!
농담이지!
nongdamijii!
nawng-dahme-je!

You're not joking?
농담 아니지?
nongdam anijii?
nawng-dahm ahnee-je?
I'm not joking.  

I'm not joking.  

He/She's joking!  

Are you making fun of me?  

I guess so.  

Maybe.  

Maybe not.  

That's impossible.  

You can't do that.  

I don't care.  

It's got nothing to do with me.  

I'm not interested.  

I think that's it.  

I think this is it.  

You're crazy!  

Damn!  

That's right.
Is this it?
이거야?

I hope so
그러길 바래.

This is it.
이거야.

geureogil barae.
gohrer-geel bahra.

Sure.
그럼.

It's risky.
위험해.

geureom.
goh-rem.

wieomhae.
wiirm-ha.

It's true.
진짜야.

jinnjaya.
jeen-jjah-yah.

Cheer up.
힘 내.

I understand.
알았어.

arasseo.
ahrahsser.

him nae.
heem na.

No problem.
문제 없어.

munje eopseo.
moonje erpser.

I like it!
좋아!

joa!
jaw-ah!

useo bwa.
ooser bwh.

—Me, too.
나도.

OK!
좋아!

nado.
nahdaw.

arasseo!*
ahrahsser!

*Literally means “I know.”

Yo!
야!

Handle with care.

Great!
좋아!

joa!
jaw-ah!

Literally means “I like it.”
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누구?  
nugu?  
noogoo? |
| **Where?**  
어디?  
eodi?  
erdeee? |
| **When?**  
언제?  
eonje?  
ermje? |
| **Why?**  
왜?  
wae?  
wa? |
| **How?**  
어떻게?  
eotteoke?  
ertterke? |
| **Which?**  
어떤 거?  
eotteon geo?  
erttern ger? |
| **Whose?**  
누구 거?  
nugu kkeo?  
noogoo kker? |
| **This.**  
이거.  
igeo.  
eeger. |
| **That.**  
저거.  
jegeo. (something over there)  
jerger.  
geugeo. (something close to the listener)  
gohger. |
| **Here.**  
여기.  
yeogi.  
yawgee. |
| **There.**  
저기.  
jeogi. (over there)  
jergee.  
geogi. (close to the listener)  
gohrerl kkeryah. |
| **Yes.**  
네.  
ne. (polite)  
ne.  
eung. (intimate)  
ohng |
| **No.**  
아니오.  
 아니오.  
anio. (polite)  
ahneeaw.  
anj. (intimate)  
ahnee. |
| **Right.**  
맞아.  
maja.  
mahjah. |
| **What?**  
뭐?  
mwo?  
mwo? |
Maybe.
그럼 거야.
goureol kkeoya.
gohrerl kkeryah.
Maybe not.
아닐 거야.
anil kkeoya.
ahneel kkeryah.
I
나
na
nahr
You
너
neo
ner
He/She
재
개
jyae (used in a person’s presence)
jya
gyae (used in a person’s absence)
gya
Don’t!
하지 마!
haji mal
hahjee mah!
Please.
제발.
jebal.
jebohl.
Thank you.
감사합니다.
고마워.
gamsahamnida (polite).
ghahmsah-hahn-needah.
gomawo (intimate).
gawahwo.
Can I have this?
이거 가져도 돼?
 geb gahjer-daw dwa?
How much is this?
이거 얼마예요?
igeo eolmayeyo? (polite)
eeger erlmah-yeo?
That’s not cheap.
裳게 아니예요.
ssan ge anieyo. (polite)
ssahn ge ahneeeyeo.
That’s too expensive!
너무 비싸요!
neomu bissayol (polite)
nermoo bee-sahyo!
I’m not buying this.
이거 안 살 거예요.
igeo an sal kkeoyeyo. (polite)
eeger ahn sahl kkeryeo.
Make it cheaper and I’ll buy it.
 좀 더 싸면 살게요.
jom deo ssa-myeon salkkeyo.
jawm der ssah-myawn sahl-kkeyo.
We
우리
uri
oooree.
You (plural)
너네들
neonedeul
nernee-dohl.
They
재네들
jyaenedeul
jyane-dohl
Got a Minute? 3

One moment.
jamkkanman gidaryeo.
jahm-kkahn-mahn geedah-ryaw.

Is it too late?
너무 늦었지?
neomu neujeot-jji?
nermoo nohjert-jjee?

When is it good for you?
언제가 좋아?
eonjega joa?
ernjegah jaw-ah?

What time is good for you?
몇 시가 좋아?
myeot-ssiga joa?
myawt-ssig-gah jaw-ah?

How about later?
나중에 어떻게?
najung-e eottae?
nahjoong-e ertta?

How about tomorrow?
내일 어떻게?
naeil eottae?
naeel ertta?

How about the day after tomorrow?
모레 어떻게?
more eottae?
mawre ertta?

When can I come?
나 언제 가도 돼?
na eonje gado dwae?
nah ernje gahdaw dwa?

When can we go?
우리 언제 갈 수 있어?
uri eonje gal su isseo?
ooree ernje gahl soo eesser?

What time do we arrive?
우리 몇 시에 도착해?
uri myeot-ssie dochake?
ooree myawt-ssiee daw-chahke?

What time will we be back?
우리 언제 좀 돌아 와?
uri eonje jjeum dora wa?
ooree ernje jjohm dwrah wah?

Are you ready?
준비됐어?
junbi dwaesseo?
joonbee dwasser?

When will you do it?
언제 할 거야?
eonje hal kkeoya?
ernjie hahl kkeryah?

When will you be done?
언제 끝낼 수 있어?
eonje kkeunnael su isseo?
ernjie kohn-nal soo eesser?
I don't know now.  
지금은 물론.

I’m not sure.  
확실히 물론.

Sometime (later).  
다음에.

Any time’s OK.  
아무때나 좋아.

Every day.  
매일

You decide when.  
네가 언제든지 결정해.

Whenever you want.  
네가 원하는 곳으로 해.

OK, let’s meet then.  
그럼, 그때 만나.

Let’s go!  
가자!

Let’s go for it.  
한 번 해 보자.

Hurry up.  
빨리빨리.

Let’s start again.  
다시 하자.

Let’s continue.  
계속하자.
Yeah!
아!
yah!

I’ll do it quickly.
빨리 할게.
ppalli halkke.
ppah-lee hahl-kkee.

I’ll finish soon.
금방 끝낼게.
geumbang kkennaekke.
gohm-bahng kken-nalke.

Finished?
끝 Nguy?
kkeunnaeseo?
kkohn-nahsser?

—I’m finished.
끝 Nguy.
kkeunnaeseo.
kkohn-nahsser.

Hey There!

Listen to what I’m saying!
내 말 좀 들어 봐!
ne mal jom deureobwa!
ne mahl jawm dohrerbwah!

Listen to him/her.
재 말 좀 들어 봐.
jyae mal jom deureobwa.
jya mahl jawm dohrerbwah.

Listen to them.
재네들 말 좀 들어 봐.
jyaenedeu mal jom deureobwa.
jyan-edohl mahl jawm dohrerbwah.

Did you hear me?
내 말 들었어?
nae mal deureosseo?
na mahl dohr-ersser?

Can you hear me?
내 말 들려?
nae mal deulllyeo?
na mahl dohl-lyaw?

Literally means “Can you hear my voice clearly?”

Do you understand?
알았어요?
arasseo?
ahr-ahsser?

Do you understand, or not?
알았어요, 몰랐어요?
arasseo, mollasseo?
ahr-ahsser, mawl-lahsser?

Can you understand me?
내 말 이해해?
nae mal iaehe?
na mahl eeha?

—I don’t understand.
이해가 안 돼.
iaega an dwae.
eeagah ahn dwa.

I didn’t understand.
잘 몰랐어.
jal mollasseo.
jahl mawl-lahsser.
I couldn’t understand.
이해할 수가 없었어요.
iaehal ssu ga eopseosseo.

eeahahl ssoo gah erps-erser.

What?
뭐?
mwo?
mwo?

What did you say?
뭐라고 했어요?
mworoago haesseo?
mwo-rahgaw hasser?

I don’t understand what you’re saying.
무슨 말인지 모르겠어요.
museun marinji moreugesseo.
moo-sohn mahr-eenjee
mawroh-gesser.

don’t say such things.
그런 말 하지 마.
geureon mal haji ma.
gohrern mahl hahjee mah.

You shouldn’t say things like that.
그런 말은 하면 안 돼.
geureon mareun hamyeon an
dwe.
gohrern mahrohn hah-myawn ahn
dwa.

Did you say that?
네가 그랬어요?
niga geuraesseo?
negah goh-rasser?

You said that, right?
네가 그랬지?
niga geuraet-jji?
negah gohrat-jjee?

I didn’t say that.
난 그런 말 한 적 없어요.
nan geureon mal han jeok
eopseo.
nahn gohrern mahl hahn jerk erpser.

I didn’t say anything.
난 아무말도 안 했어요.
nan amumaldo an haesseo.
nahn ahmoo-mahldaw ahn hasser.

I didn’t tell anyone.
아무한테도 말 안 했어요.
amuhantedo mal an haesseo.
ahmoo-hahntedaw mahl ahn-
hasser.

Let’s speak Korean!
한국말로 하자!
han-gungmollo haja!
hahn-goong-mahl law hahjah!

Literally means “Let’s do it in Korean.”

Can you speak Korean?
한국말 하세요?
han-gungmal haseyo? (polite)
hahn-goong-mahl haheseyo?

한국말할 수 해?
han-gungmal hae? (intimate)
hahn-goong-mahl ha?
yaeji jom haja.
yagee jawn hahjah.

Let’s talk.
 얘기 좀 하자.
yagee jom haja.
yagee jawn hahjah.

Let’s talk more.
 조금만 더 얘기하자.
jogeumman deo yageihaja.
jawgohm-mahn der yagee-hahjah.
Look at That! 5

Look!
바!

Look at this!
이거 좀 바!

Don’t look!
보지 마!

Don’t look at this/that!
이거 / 저거 보지 마!

Can you see it?
보여?

—I can see it clearly.
잘 보여.

—I can’t see it.
잘 안 보여.

Did you see that?
저거 봤어?

Did you see it?
그거 봤어?

—I saw it.
그거 봤어.

—I didn’t see it.
그거 못 봤어.

bwa!
bwah!

igeo jom bwa!
eeger jawm bwah!

boji ma!
bawjee mah!

igeoijegeo boji ma!
eegerleger bawjee mah!

boyeo?
bawyaw?

jal boyeo.
jahl bawyaw.

jal an boyeo.
jahl ahn bawyaw.

jeogeo bwasseo?
jerger bwahsser?

gugeo bwasseo?
gogher bwahsser?

gugeo bwasseo.
gogher bwahsser.

gugeo mot bwasseo.
gogher mawt bwahsser.

I don’t want to see it.
보고 싶지 않아.

bogo sip-jji ana.
bawgaw seep-jhee ahhnah.

Did you see Jinju?
진주 봤어?

Jinju bwasseo?
jeenjoo bwahsser?

I want to see you soon.
나 너 빨리 보고 싶어.

Are you going to meet Junju soon?
진주 곧 만날 거야?

Jinju got mannal kkeoya?
jeenjoo gawt mahnnahl kkeryah?

—I’m going to meet Junju soon.
진주 곧 만날 거야.

Jinju got mannal kkeoya.
Jeenjoo gawt mahnnahl kkeryah.

Did you meet John?
존 만났어?

John mannasseo?
John mahn-nahsser?

—I met John.
존 만났어.

John mannasseo.
John mahn-nahsser.

Well, we meet again.
어, 또 만나네.

eo, tto mannane.
er, ttaw mahn-nahne.
Coming and Going

Come here!
리리와!
iri wa!
eere wah!

Come over here!
리리로와!
iriro wa!
eereeraw wah!

Come later.
나중에와.
najung-e wa.
nahjoong-e wah.

Can you come?
을수있어?
ol ssu isseo?
awl ssoo eesser?

Come with me.
나랑가랴가.
narang gachiga.
nah-rahng gah-cheegah.

He/She's coming here.
개 여기올거야.
gyae yeogi ol kkeoya.
gya yawgee awl kkeryah.

They are coming here.
개네들여기올거야.
gyaenedeul yeogi ol kkeoya.
gyane-dohl yawgee awl kkeryah.

I'll go soon.
곧갈거야.
got gal kkeoya.
gawt gahl kkeryah.

I'll come over soon.
곧갈게.
got galkke.
gawt gahlkkke.

I can go.
갈수있어.
gal ssu isseo.
gahl ssoo eesser.

I think I can go.
갈수있을거같애.
gal ssu isseul geo gatae.
gahl ssoo eessohl ger gahta.

I can't go.
못가.
mot-kka.
mawt-kkah.

I want to go.
나가고싶어.
na gago sipoe.
nah gahgaw seeper.

Do you want to go?
너가고싶어?
neo gago sipoe?
nerr gahgaw seeper?

gyaenedeul gago sipoehae?
gya-nedohl gahgwaw seeper-ha?

Do they want to go?
개네들가고싶어해?
na seoul gago sipoe.
nah serool gahgaw seeper.

I want to go to Seoul.
나서울가고싶어.
na jeongmal gago sipoe.
nah jerng-mahl gahga seeper.

I really want to go.
나정말가고싶어.
na gago sip-jji ana.
nah gahgaw seep-jjee ahhah.
I really don't want to go.  
나 정말 가고 싶지 않아.

You're going, right?  
너 갈 거지?

I'm going.  
나 갈 거야.

I'm not going.  
나 안 갈 거야.

I didn't go  
나 안 갔어.

Don't go!  
 가지 마!

Don't go yet!  
아직 가지 마!

I have to go.  
나 지금 가야 돼.

I must go now.  
나 지금 꼭 가야 돼.

May I go?  
나 가도 돼?

I'm going/leaving.  
나 간다.

Shall we go?  
우리 갈까?

Let's go!  
가자!

Let's get outa here!  
나가자!

Let's split!  
쏜여지자!

Let's get outa here!  
나가자!

Let's split!  
thrown-je-jah!
Eat, Drink, Be Merry!

I'm hungry.
나 배고파.
I'm starving.
배고파 죽겠어.
Literally means "I'm dying from hunger; I'm going crazy from hunger."
Have you eaten?
너 밥 먹었어?
—I haven't eaten yet.
아직 안 먹었어.
Do you want to eat something?
뭐 좀 먹을래?
I'd like to eat something.
나 뭐 좀 먹고 싶어.
Do you want some more?
더 먹을래?
I'm thirsty.
나 목말라.
I want to drink some beer.
나 맥주 마시고 싶어.
I want some liquor.
나 술 마시고 싶어.

na baegopa.
nah bagaw-pah.
baegopa juk.kkesseo.
bagaw-pah jook-kesser.

neol bap meogeosseo?
ner baeh merg-ersser?
aajik an meogeosseo.
ahjeech ahn merg-ersser.
mwo jom meogeullae?
mwo jawm merg-ohlla?
na mwo jom meok-kko sipeo.
nah mwo jawn merk-kkaw seeper.
deo meogeullae?
der merg-ohlla?
na mongmalla.
nah mawng-mahllah.
na maek.jju masigo sipeo.
nah mak-jjoo mah-seegaw seeper.
na sul masigo sipeo.
nah sool mah-seegaw seeper.
Try some ... (beverage)  
... 좀 마셔 봐.

Korean vodka  
소주

Mild, milky rice liquor  
막걸리

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Beer
맥주

Wine
포도주

Plum wine
매실주

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This tastes too weird.
맛이 신키해.

I think this has gone bad.
이거 상한 거 갈래.

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I think this stuff's stale.
이거 맛이 간 거 갈래.

Literally means “This taste has left.”

Wow! This tastes good!
와! 맛있다.

More, more!
더, 더!

Do you want to drink some more?
더 마실래?

—Thank you, but I still have plenty.
아니, 아직 많이 남았어.

Come on, dude, have some more!
그러지 말고 더 마셔, 임마!

Handle the expression with care.

It's on me!
내가 벌게!

Literally means “I'll pay!”

How about some food?
밥 먹고 싶어?

Is the food ready?
밥 준비 다 됐어?

—Yeah, it's ready.
응, 다 됐어.
This is a feast!
jinsuseongchanineyo!
jeen-sooserng-chahnee-neyo!
A formulaic phrase used when one is invited for dinner.

Try this!
igeo jom meogo bwa!
eeger jawm merger bwah!

Try that!
jeogo jom meogo bwa!
jerger jawm merger bwah!

Dude, stuff your face!
imma, ppalli meogo!
eemmah, ppahl-lee merger!
Handle the expression with care.

That looks delicious.
masit-kket-tta.
mahseet-kket-ttah.

Wow, it looks delicious!
wa, masit-kket, tta!
wah, mahseet-kket, ttah!

Oh, that smells good!
ya, naemsa jota!
yah, namsa jawtah!

What's this?
igeo mwoya?
eeger mwoyah?

Taste it.
mat jom bwa.
maht jawm bwah.

What's it called?
igeo ireumi mwoya?
eeger eerohmee mwoyah?

Is it hot? (spicy)
maewo?
mawo?

This is boiling!
tteugeowo!
ttohgerwo!

My tongue's on fire!
ibeseo bullanda!
eebeser boollahn-dah!

How'd you eat this?
igeo eotteoke meogo?
eeger erterke merger?

Are these chopsticks?
igeo jeot-kkaragiya?
eeger jert-kkahrahg-eyyah?
Give me a fork.
포크 줘.

You want a knife?
칼 줄까?

Have some bulgogi.*
볼고기 좀 먹어 봐.

I'd like to try some boshingtang.*
나 보싱탕 먹어 보고 싶어.

Careful, that tteokbokki* is hot!
조심해, 묵볶이 매워!

That's a dip, don't drink it!
작어 먹는 거야, 마시지 마!

Give me some.
나 좀 줘.

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pokeu jwo.
pawkoh jwo.

cal julkka?
kahl jool-kkah?

bulgogi jom megeo bwa.
bool-gawgi jawh merger bwhah.

na bosintang megeo bogo sipeo.
bool-gawgi jawh merger bawgaw seeper.

josimhae, tteok-ppokki maewo!
jaw-seemha, tterk pawkkee mawo.

jjigeo meongneun geoya, masiji ma!
jjjeegh merng-nohn gerya,
mah-seejee mah!

na jom jwo.
nah jawn jwo.

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jogeum deo jwo.
jaw-gohm der jwo.

deo meogeullaes?
der mer-gohlle?

na deo meogeullaes.
nah der mer-gohlle.

chungbunae?
choong-boona?

chungbunae.
choong-boona.
I Like it!

I like this.
나 이거 맘에 들어.
좋아.

I like that.
나 저거 맘에 들어.
좋아.

I don't like that.
나 그거 싫어.

I don't really like it.
나 그거 별로야.

No, thanks.
괜찮아요.
썼어요.

Gwaenchanayo and its more casual version gwaenchana mean “It's OK,” while dwasseo and the casual dwasseo mean “It's done.”

I want ...
나 ... 할래.

This
이거

That
저거
그거

I want ... (used with nouns)
나 ... 갖고 싶어.

I don't want ... (used with nouns)
나 ... (갖기) 싫어.

A computer
컴퓨터

na igeo mame deureo. (objects)
nah eeger mahme dohrer.
joa. (non objects)
jaw-ah.

na jeogeo mame deureo.
(objects)
nah jerger mahme dohrer.
joa. (non objects)
jaw-ah.

na geugeo sireo.
nah gohger seerer.

na geugeo byeolloya.
nah gohger byawl-lawyah.

gwaenchanayo. (polite)
gwan-chahn-ahyo
dwasseoyo. (polite)
dwasseryo
gwaenchana.
gwan-chahnah.
dwasseo.
dwasser.

na ... hallae.
nah ... hahila.

igeo
eeger

jeogeo (something over there)
gerger
geugeo (something close to the listener)
gogether

na ... gat-kko sipeo.
nah ... gaht-kaw seeper.

na ... (gat-kki) sireo.
nah ... (gaht-kkee) seeerer.

keompyuteo
kerm-pyuter
A camera  
카메라

I don't need that.  
나 그거 필요 없어.

I don't need this.  
나 이거 필요 없어.

I'm busy.  
나 바빠.

I'm happy.  
나 행복해.

I feel good.  
나 기분 좋아.

I'm glad to know that.  
알려줘서 고마워

I'm sad.  
나 슬퍼.

I'm fine.  
나 괜찮아.

I'm afraid.  
나 무서워.

I'm getting sick of it!  
지겨워.

I'm irritated!  
짜증나!

Man, I'm irritated!  
에이, 짜증나!

I'm confused!  
뭐가 원지 모르겠어!

Literally means “I don’t know which is which.”

A radio  
라디오

A video recorder  
비디오

A tape  
테이프

TV  
티비

CD  
시디

An MD  
엠디

A mobile phone  
휴대폰

A laptop computer  
노트북
I'm going crazy.
나 미치겠어.

I'm pissed off!
나 열 받았어!

I'm mad! (angry)
나 화났어!

I'm ready.
나 준비 다 됐어.

I'm sleepy.
나 졸려.

I'm tired.
나 피곤해.

I'm wasted.
나 갔어.

I'm totally wasted!
나 완전히갔어!

I'm out of it!
머리가 끔찍히 돌아.

I'm bored!
심심해!

I feel sick.
나 아파.

I'm disappointed.
나 실망했어.

I'm disappointed in you.
나 너한테 실망했어.

What a drag!
아, 따분해!

Oh, god! (How awful!)
세상에!

What a pity!
참 안 됐다!

Can you do it?
너 할 수 있어?

—I can do it.
나 할 수 있어.
-I can’t do it.
나 못 해.

Sorry, I can’t do it.
미안하지만, 안 되겠어.

Sorry.
죄송합니다.

I can’t believe it.
믿을 수 가 없어.

I’ll do it.
내가 할게.

I know.
알고 있어.

I know him/her.
나 재 알아.

Do you know that?
너 그것 알아?

Oh, you know that.
너 그것 알잖아.

I don’t know.
나 몰라.

I’ll think about it.
좀 생각해 볼게.

I’m so confused.
너무 혼란.

I made a mistake.
실수했어.

Am I right?
내가 맞아?

Am I wrong?
내가 틀려?
Curses and Insults

What do you want? mwoya?

What do you want, asshole? mwoya, imma?

What? mwo?

What you lookin' at? mwol bwa?

Anything wrong? kkomnya?

You givin' me attitude? eoju, jjaeryeo bwa?

What are you staring at? mwol cheoda bwa?

—None of your business. namiya.

Mind your own business. chamgyeonhaaji ma.

Go away! kkejoeo!

Go away, man! kkejoeo, imma!

Fuck off! jot-kka!

Excuse me? mwo?

What did you just say? banggeum mworago haesseo?

Do you know who I am? naega nugunjina arah?
Come here, I’ll teach you some manners!
싸가지 없는 새끼야, 이리 와!
LITERALLY MEANS “YOU HAVE NO MANNERS, BABY; COME HERE!”

Come here!
이리 와!

Don’t joke with me!
농담하지 마!

Stop it!
그만 해!

Shut up!
입 닫쳐!

What’re you doing?
뭐 하는 짓이야?

What’d you hit me for?
왜 쳐?

What’d you push me for?
왜 밀어?

I’m gonna kill you!
너 죽여 버릴 거야.

Have you finished?
다 끝났어?

You wanna fight?
맞장 떠?

We gonna fight, or not?
싸울 거야, 말 거야?

Let’s fight and see!
한 번 해 보자구!

Ouch!
아야!

Don’t!
그만!

That hurts!
아파!

Help!
사람살려!

Don’t hit me!
떼리지 마!

You deserve it!
맞아도 싸!

Don’t do it again!
다신 하지마!

Say you’re sorry!
사과해!

—Sorry.
미안해.

ssaul kkeoya, mal kkeoya?
ssaah-oohl kker-yah, mahl kker-yah?

han beon hae bojagul!
hahn bern ha baw-jahgool

aya!
ahyah!

geman!
gho-mahn!

apa!
ahpah!

saram sallyeo!*
sah-rahm sahlyyaw!
dowajuseyo!
daw-wah-jooseyo!

Literally means “Save a person’s life!”

ttaeriji ma!
tta-rejee mah!

majado ssa!
mahj-ahdaw ssah!

dasin hajima!
dah-seen hah-jeemah!

sagwahae!
sahgwah-ha!

mianhae.
mee-ahnha.
SPECIAL KOREAN INSULTS

I'll kick your penis!
축까!
jot-kka!

You're lower than an insect.
벌레만도 못한 새끼.
beollemando motan saekki.
berle-mahn-daw mawtahn sakkee.

Son of a beggar.
거지 새끼.
geoji saekki.
gerjee sakkee.

Son of a bitch.
개 새끼.
gae saekki.
ga sakkee.

Son of an idiot.
바보 새끼.
babo saekki.
bahbaw sakkee.

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You're right.
내가 맞아.
nega maja.
negah mahjah.

I was wrong.
내가 틀렸어.
naega teullyeosseo.
nagah tohl-lyawss-er.

It was my fault.
내가 잘못했어.
naega jalmotaesseo.
nagah jahl-mawtass-er.

Forgive me.
용서해줘.
yongseohae jwo.
yong-serha jwo.

I forgive you.
용서해 줄게.
yongseohae julkke.
yong-serha joolkke.

You're making me laugh!
웃겨네!
ut-kkine!
oot-kkeeene!

You win.
내가 이겼어.
niga igyeosseo.
neegah ee-gyawss-er.

I lose.
내가 졌어.
naega jeosseo.
nagah jersser.

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Fuck!
씨발!
ssibal!
sseebah!

Fuck you!
씨발 논!
씨발 녀!

씨방새!
You peasant!
쌍년!
쌍놈!

You look like a penis!
중 같은 논!
중 같은 논!

Don't show off!
잘난 척 하지마!

Go drink your mother's breast milk and then come back!
가서 염마 잡이나 더 먹고 와!

Go home and masturbate!
집에 가서 딸딸이나 쳐!

Are you insane?
웬 지랄이야?

Crazy man!
미친 논!

Crazy woman!
미친 녀!

Ah, stupid!
아, 멍청한 새끼!

Dickhead!
돌대가리!

Pig!
지저분한 새끼!

ssyangnyeon! (women)
ssyang-nyawn!

ssyangnom! (men)
ssyang-nawn!

jot-kkateun nom! (men)
jawt-kkaht-ohn nawn!

jot-kkateun nyeon! (women)
jawt-kkaht-ohn nyawn!

jallan cheok hajima!
jahllahn cherk hahjlee-mah!

gaseo eomma jeoijina deo meok-kko wa!
gahser erm-mah jer-jeenah der merk-kkaaw wah!

jibe gaseo taatltarina cheo!
jeebe gahser tahlt-taahr-jeenah cher!

waen jirariya?
wan jeeraahr-eeyah?

michin nom!
mee-cheen nawn!

michin nyeon!
mee-cheen nyawn!

ah, meongcheong-han saekki!
ahh, merng-cherng-hahn sakkee!

dolthaegari!
dawltta-gahree!

jijeobunan saekki!
jeejer-boonahn sakkee!

Bad-luck-woman!
재수 없는 녀!

jaesu eomneun nyeon!
jasoo erm-nohn nyawn!

Bad-luck-man!
재수 없는 새끼!

jaesu eomneun saekki!
jasoo erm-nohn sakkee!

Oh, I lost my appetite!
아, 밥 맥 없어!

Imples that the person being insulted is so unseemly that the speaker's stomach is turning.

Pervert!
변태 새끼!

byeontae saekki!
byawnta sakkee!

You're a dirty man.
더러운 새끼,

deoreo-un saekki.
derrer-oon sakkee.

You're a dirty woman.
더러운 녀.

deoreo-un nyeon.
derrer-oon nyawn!

Oh, shit smell!
아, 너저분한 새끼!

ah, neojeobunhan saekki!
ahh, nerjer-boon-hahn sakkee!

Die!
둬져 버려!

dwejeo beoryeo!
dwejer berryer!

Why don't you go somewhere and die!
어디 가서둬져 버려!

eodi gaseo dwejeo beoryeo!
erdee gahser dwejer berryaw!

What a fucking mess!
아, 쌩할 쥐 갈네!

ah, ssipal jot-kkanne!
ahh, sseep-ahl jawt-kkahn-ne!

You motherfucker!
니미 쌩할 녀!

nimi ssipal nom!
neemees sseep-ahl nawn!

Damn!
써бал!

ssibal!
ssee-bahl!
Party Talk

All the expressions in this section are polite speech.

Do you come here often?  
여기 자주 오세요?  
yawgee jahjoo aweoyo?

You look like you’re having fun.  
참 재미 있어 보이네요.  
chahm jamee esser bawee-neyo.

—Yes, I’m having fun.  
네, 재미 있어요.  
ne, jamee ess-eryo.

This place is happening!  
여기 괴랄다!  
yawgee kwan-chahtah!

—Yeah, this place is happening!  
예, 여기 괴랄아요!  
ye, yawgee kwan-chaht-ahyo!
This place is fun.
yeogi jeongmal jaemisseoyo.
yawgee jern-gmal jameess-eryo.

This place is fantastic.
yeogi meosisseoyo.
yawgee merseess-eryo.

What's your name?
ireumi eotteoke dwoeseyo?
eerohm-ee erterke dwoe-syeo?

—My name is...
je ireumeun ... imnida.
je eerohm-ohn ... eern-needa.

Are you here alone?
honja wasseoyo?
hawn-jah wahss-eryo?

—Yes, I'm here alone.
ne, honja wasseoyo.
ne, hawnjah wahss-eryo.

—No, I'm here with my ...
anio, ... rang wasseoyo.
ahnee-aw ... rahng wahsseryo.

Father
abooji
ahber-jee

Daddy
abba
ahppah

Mother
eomeoni
ermeenee

Mum
eomma
erm-mah

Older sister
eonni (female)
ermnnee
nuna (male)
oonah

Older brother
oppa (female)
awppah
hyeong (male)
hyawng

Yonger sister/brother
donseung
dawng-sang

Friends
chin-gu
cheen-goo

Boyfriend
namjachin-gu
nahm-jah-chen-goo

Girlfriend
yeojaechin-gu
yaw-jah-chen-goo

Husband
nampeun
nahm-pyawn

Wife
anae
ahna

senior
seonbae
serm-ba

junior
hubae
hooba

Can I join you?
hap-seokaedo doelkkayo?
hahp-sserka-daw dwel-kkahyo?

Can I sit here?
yeogi anjado doelkkayo?
yergee ahnjah-daw dwel-kkahyo?

Please sit down.
ye, anjeuseyo.
ye, ahnjoh-seyo.
Is someone sitting here?
여기 누구 있어요?

—Someone's sitting here.
여기 누구 있어요.

Can I buy you a drink?
술 한 잔 사도 될까요?

Where are you from?
어디서 왔어요?

—I'm from ...
저는 ... 에서 왔어요.

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Australia
호주

Germany
독일

canada
캐나다

Italy
이탈리아

Russia
러시아

Korea
한국

Japan
일본

China
중국

Hong Kong
홍콩

Indonesia
인도네시아

Thailand
태국

Where do you live?
어디에 살아요?

—I live in ...
... 에 살아요.

New York
뉴욕

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miguk
mee-gook

yeongguk
yerng-gook

peurangseu
pohrang-eoh

hoju
hawjoo
dogil
daw-geel
kaenada
kanah-dah
itallia
eetahl-leeah
reosia
reesea
han-guk
hahn-gook
ilbon
eebawn
jungguk
joong-gook
hongkong
hawng-kawng
indonesia
eendaw-neeceah
taeguk
tagook
eodie sarayo?
erdeee sahr-ahyo?
... e sarayo.
... e sahrahyo.
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**How old are you?**

나이가 어떻게 되세요?

—I'm ... years old.

...살이예요.

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sohmool ahawp

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서른
seoreun
ser-rohn

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ser-rohn hahn

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seoreun du
ser-rohn doo

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seoreun se
ser-rohn se

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서른네
seoreu ne
ser-rohn ne

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서른다섯
seoreun daseot
ser-rohn dahsert

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마흔
ma-eun
mah-ohn

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쉰
swin
sween

Are you a student?
학생이세요?
hak-ssaeng-iseyo?
hahk-ssaeng-eeseyo?

I'm a ...
저는 ...
jeoneun ... imnida.
jernohn ... eemnee-dah.

Doctor
의사
üisa
ooeesah

Dentist
치과의사
chikkwa uisa
chee-kkwah ooesah

Lawyer
변호사
byeonosa
byawnaw-sah

Professor
교수
gyosu
gyosoo

Secretary
비서
biseo
beeser

Teacher
선생
seonsaeng
sernsang

Nurse
간호사
ganosa
gahnaw-sah

Business person
사업가
sa-eopkka
sah-erpkkah

Company employee
회사원
hoesawon
hwe-sahwawn

Public servant
공무원
gongmuwun
gawng-moorwawn

Hairdresser
미용사
miyongsa
mee-yongsah

Sales person
영업사원
yeong-eop sawon
yawng-erp sahwawn

Wow, what a nice job
you've got!
와, 멋있는 일 하시네요!
wah, mersee-nohn eel hahsee-neyo!

What kinds of hobbies do
you have?
취미가 어떻게 되세요?
chwimiga eotteoke doeseyo?
chwi-meegah etterke dweseyo?
—My hobby is ...
제 취미는 ... 입니다.
je chwimineun ... imnida.
je chwi-meenohn ... eem-needah.

Sport
운동
undong
oon-dawng

Tennis
테니스
teniseu
tenee-soh

Golf
골프
golpeu
gawl-poh

Music
음악
eumak
ohmahk

Ballet
발레
balle
bahlle

Cooking
요리
yori
yoree

Fishing
낚시
nak-ssi
nahk-ssee

Skiing
스키
seuki
sohkee

What music do you like?
어떤 음악 좋아해요?
eotteon eumak joahaeyo?
erterm ohmahk jahah-hayo?

—I like ...
저는 ... 좋아해요.
jeoneun ... joahaeyo.
jerohn ... jahah-hayo.

You know this song?
이 노래 알아요?
yi norae arayo?
yee nawra ahrahyo?

—Yes, I do.
네, 알아요.
ne, arayo.
ne, ahrahyo.

—I don’t know it.
잘 몰라요.
jal mollayo.
jahl mawl-lahyo.

—This is the first time
I’m hearing it.
처음 들어요.
cheo-eum deureoyo.
cher-ohm dohreryo.

Would you like to dance?
춤 출래요?
chum chullaeyo?
choom choollayo?
I can't dance.
나무 못 찍어요.
chum mot chwoyo.
choom mawt chwoyo.

I'm not in the mood.
좋 출 기분이 아니에요.
chum chul gibuni anieyo.
choom chool geeboon-ee anee-eyo.

You dance well.
춤 잘 추네요.
chum jal chuneyo.
choom jahl chooneyo.

Shall we go elsewhere?
어디 다른 데로 갈래요?
eodi dareun dero gallaeyo?
erdee dahrohn deraw gallayo?

What time do you have to be home?
몇 시까지 집에 가야 돼요?
myeot-sikkaji jibe gaya dwaeyo?
myawt-seekkah-jebee gahyah dwayo?

What time are you leaving?
몇 시에 갈 거예요?
myeot-sie gal kkeoyeoy?
myawt-seee gahl kker-ye-yo?

I have to go now.
지금 가야 돼요.
jigeum gaya dwaeyo.
jee-gohm gahyah dwayo.

Don't go now.
지금 가지 마세요.
jigeum gaji maseyo.
jee-gohm gahjee mahseyo.

Go later!
이따가 가세요!
ittaga gaseyo!
eetthahgah gah-seyo!

What shall we do?
뭐 할까요?
mwo hallaeyo?
mwo hahl-la-yo?

What's next?
이제 뭐 할까요?
ije mwo halkkayo?
eeje mwo hahl-kkahyo?

It's up to you.
하고 싶은 대로 하세요.
hago sipeun daero haseyo.
ahgaw seepohn daraw hah-seyo.

Do you wanna come to my place?
우리 집으로 갈래요?
uri jibeuro gallaeyo?
ooree jeeboh-raw gahllayo?

I'm not sure.
잘 모르겠어요.
jal moreuget-sseoyo.
jahl maw-rohget-sseryo.

Just for coffee.
그냥 커피 마시러 가요.
geunyang keopi masireo gayo.
goh-nyahng kerpee mah-seerer gahyo.

Yes, let's go.
네, 가요.
ne, gayo.
ne, gahyo.
Getting Serious

I want to know more about you.
네에 대해서 더 알고 싶어.

Shall we meet again?
우리 또 만날까?

When can I see you again?
언제 다시 만날 수 있어?

Can I call you?
내가 전화해도 돼?

Will you call me?
나한테 전화할래?

Here's my phone number.
이거 내 전화번호야.

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What's your number?
전화번호가 어떻게 돼?

— My phone number is ...
내 전화번호는 ...

563 - 4718
오육삼 (에) 사칠일팔

890 - 1234
팔구공 (에) 일이삼사

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What's your e-mail address?
이메일 주소가 어떻게 돼?

— My e-mail address is ...
내 이메일 주소는 ...

It was fun.
재미 있었어.
On the Phone

Hello.
여보세요.

This is Robert. Is Mary at home?
전 로버트인데요, 메리 집에 있어요?

Mary is out.
메리 어디 나갔는데요.

Wait a minute.
잠깐만 기다리세요.

Mary! Telephone!
메리! 전화!

It's me, Robert.
나 로버트야.

What are you doing?
지금 뭐 해?

Shall we meet now?
지금 만날까?

I wanna see you.
나 너 보고 싶어.

I can't go out now.
지금 못 나가.

jigeum monnaga.
jee-gohm mawn-nahgah.

I'll call you tomorrow.
내가 내일 전화할게.

naega naeil jeonwahalkke.
nagah naeel jern-wah-hahlkke.

Bye!
잘 있어.

jal isseol
jahl eesser!

Literally means "Stay well" usually said by the person who called.

—Yes.
응, 그래!

eung, geurae!
ohng, gohra!
Lovers’ Language

I love you.
사랑해.
saranghae.
sahrahng-ha.

I’m crazy about you.
난 너가 좋아 미치겠어.
nan neoga joa michigesseo.
nahn nergah jaw-ahh meecheegesser.

I’m yours.
난 너꺼야.
nan nikkeoya.
nahn nee-kkerya.

You’re sexy.
너 섹시해
neo sek-ssihae.
ner sek-ssieha.

Your ... is/are beautiful.
너 ... 예뻐.
neo ... yepeo.
nner ... yepper.

Eyes
눈
nun
noon

Lips
입술
ip-ssul
eeep-ssool

Hands
손
son
sawn

Face
얼굴
eolgul
erlgool

Legs
다리
dari
dahree

Nose
코
ko
daw

Breasts
가슴
gaseum
gahsohm

Neck
목
mok
mawk

Shoulder
어깨
eokkae
erkka

Back
등
deung
dohng

Butt
엉덩이
eongdeong-i
ohng-derng-e

You have a beautiful body.
너 몸매가 예뻐.
neo mommae-ga yepeo.
nern maw-mma-gah yepper.
You smell nice.
너한테 좋은 냄새가 나.
neohanten jo-eun naemsaega na.
ner-hahn-ten jaw-ohn nam-sagah nah.

Can I kiss you?
키스해도 돼?
kiseuhaeo dwae?
keesoh-hadaw dwa?

Kiss me!
키스해줘!
kiseuhae jwo!
keesoh-ha jwo!

Do you wanna sleep with me?
나랑 자고 싶어?
narang jago sippeo?
nah-rahng jahgaw seeper?

Oh, I'm embarrassed.
아이, 창피해.
ai, changpihae.
ahee, chahng-peeha.

Don't be shy.
부끄러워 하지 마.
bukkeureowo haji ma.
boo-kkoh-rewo hahjee mah.

Close your eyes.
눈 감아 봐.
nun gama bwa.
noon gahmah bwhah.

Turn off the light.
불켜 봐.
bulkkeo bwa.
bool-kker bwhah.

IN THE BEDROOM
Is this your first time?
너 처음이야?
neo cheo-eumiya?
ner cher-ohmeeyah?

Tell me the truth.
사실대로 말해봐.
sasildaer malhae bwa.
sahseel-daraw mahlha bwhah.

I'm still a virgin.
나 아직 처녀야.
나 아직 총각이야.
na ajik cheonyeoya. (female)
nah ahjeek cher-nyawyah.
na ajik chonggogiya. (male)
nah ahjeek chawng-gah-geeyah.

I'm frightened.
무서워.
museowo.
mooserwo.

Don't worry.
걱정하지 마.
geok-jjeonghaji ma.
gerk-jjerng-hahjee mah.

I'll be careful.
조심해.
josimhalkke.
jaw-seem-hahlkke.

I wanna hold your hand.
너 손잡아 보고 싶어.
neo sonjaba bogo sippeo.
ner sawn-jahbah bawgaw seeper.
Look into my eyes.
내 눈 쳐다 봐.
nae nun cheoda bwa.
na noon cherdah bwaah.

Hug me.
나 안아 쥐.
na ana jwo.
na ahnah jwo.

Take your ... off!
... 벗어 봐!
... beoseo bwa!
... berser bwaah!

Sneakers
신발
sinbal
seen-bahl

Shoes
구두
kudu
koodoo

Bra
브라
beura
bohrah

Underwear
팬티
paenti
pantee
The Korean word paenti, despite its derivation from the English "panty," is gender-neutral.

I'm cold!
나 추워!
nah choowaw!

Make me warm.
따뜻하게 해 쥐.
ttatteutage hae jwo.
ttahttoh-tahge ha jwo.

Come closer to me.
더 가까이 와.
der gahkkah-ee wah.

That tickles.
간지러워.
ganjireowo.
gahnjee-reno.

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I wanna see your ...
나 니 ... 보고 싶어.
na ni ... bogo sipeo.
nah nee ... bawgaw seeper.

I wanna touch your ...
나 니 ... 만지고 싶어.
na ni ... manjigo sipeo.
nah nee ... mahn-jeegaw seeper.

I wanna suck your ...
나 니 ... 빨고 싶어.
na ni ... ppalgo sipeo.
nah nee ... ppahlgaw seeper.

Thing
거
kkeo
kker
Breasts
가슴

Pussy
보지
거기

Dick
자지
거기

Balls
불알

Nipples
젖꼭지

Butt
엉덩이

Knees
무릎

Toes
발가락

Fingers
손가락

I'm afraid I'll get pregnant.
임신할까 봐 무서워.

Use a condom!
콘돔 써!

I don't like to wear a condom.
콘돔 쓰는 거 싫어.

If you don't wear a condom, I won't do it!
콘돔 안 쓰면, 안 할꺼야!

Oh, it feels so good!
아, 기분 좋아!

Touch me!
나 만져 줘!

Bite me!
깨糜어 줘!

sonkkarak
sawnk-kahrahk

imsinhalkka bwa museowo.
eem-seen-hahl-kkah bwah mooserwu.

kondon sseo!
kawn-dawn sserr!

kondon sseuneun geo sireo.
kawn-dawn ssoh-nohn ger seerer.

kondon an sseumyeon, an halkkeoya!
kawn-dawn ahn ssoh-myawn, ahn hahl-kkeryah.

ah, gibun joa!
ahh, geeboon jaw-ah!

na manjeo jwo!
nah mahnjjer jwo!

kkaemureo jwo!
kkah-mooreer jwo!
More, more!
조금만 더, 조금만 더!
jogeummam deo, jogeumnman deol
jawgohm-mahn der, jawgohm-mahn der!

Deeper, deeper!
더 깊이, 더 깊이!
deo gipi, deo gipi!!
der geepee, der geepee!

Faster, faster
더 빨리, 더 빨리!
deo ppalli, deo ppalli!!
der ppahllee, der ppahllee!

Harder, harder!
더 세게, 더 세게!
deo sege, deo sege!
der sege, der sege!

Wait, wait!
잠깐만, 잠깐만!
jamkkkanman, jamkkkanman!
jahm-kkahn-mahn, jahm-kkahn-mahn!

I'm coming, I'm coming!
나온다, 나온다!
나를 거 갈래!
aonna, aonna! (men)
nah-awndah, nah-awndah!
oreul kkee gatae! (women)
awrohl kker gahta!

I came.
나 쫓아.
나 올랐어.
a na ssasseo. (men)
nah ssasssohr.
na ollasseo. (women)
nah awllassseer.

—I know.
알아.
ara.
ahrah.

Did it feel good?
기분 좋았어?
gibun joasseo?
gee-boon jaw-ahsser?

Let's get married.
우리 결혼하자.
uri kyeorohnhaja.
ooree kyaw-awn-hahjah.

I wanna be your wife.
네 아내가 되고 싶어.
i naanaega doego sipeo.
nee ahnagah dwegaw seeper.

I wanna be your husband.
네 남편이 되고 싶어.
i nampyooni doego sipeo.
nee nahm-pyawnlee dwegaw seeper.

I don't want to get married yet.
아직은 결혼하고 싶지 않아.
ajigeun gyeorohago sip.jji ana.
ahjeegohn gyawrawn-hahgaw seep-jiwe ahnah.

I'm too young.
지금은 너무 일러.
Literally means "It's too early."
jigeumneun neomul illeo.
jee-goohm-ohn nermoo eeller.

I'm already married.
나 결혼했어.
a na gyeorohhaesseo.
nah gyawrawn-hassser.

I love you, but I can't become your wife/husband.
널 사랑하지만, 네 아내
는/남편은될 수 없어.
neol saranghAjiman, ni
anaeunnampyeoneun
doel ssu eopseo.
nerl sahrahng-hahjee-mahn, nee
ahna-nohn/nahm-pyawnohn
dwel ssoro eopser.

I need time to think.
생각할 시간이 필요해.
saenggakal sigani piryohae.
sang-gahkahl seegahnee peeryo-ha.
This is so sudden.
너무 갑자기야.

We must think about this.
우리 더 생각해 봐야 될 거 같아.

Do you want to come to ... with me?
나랑 ... 갈래?

the USA
미국

Canada
캐나다

Europe
유럽

Australia
호주

I want to stay in Korea.
나 한국에 있고 싶어.

neomu gapi-jagiya.
nermoo gahp-jah-gee-yah.

uri deo saenggakae bwaya
doel kkeo gatae.
ooree der sang-gahka bwahyah
dwel kker gahta.

narak ... gallae?
nahrahng ... gahilla?

miguk
meegook

kaenada
kanahdah

yureop
yoorerp

hoju
hawjoo

na han-guge it-kko sipeo.
nah hahn-goo eet-kkaw seeper.

Farewell 14

Let's not see each other again.
우리 다시는 만나지 말자.

uri dasineun mannaji malja.
ooree dah-seenohn mahn-nahjee
mahlyah.

I hate you!
너 싫어!

neo sireo!
er seerer!

Don't call me again.
다신 전화하지 마.

dasim jeonwhajia ma.
dah-seen jernwh-hahjee mah.

Get lost!
꺼져!

kkeojio!
kkerjer!

Give it up, already.
포기해.

pohihae.
pawgewha.

I don't love you anymore.
더 이상 널 사랑하지 않아.

deo yisang neol saanghajia ana.
der yee-sahng nerl saah-rahn-g-hahjee
ahnh.

You're boring.
너 재미없어.

neo jaemi eopseo.
er jaeme erpser.

Literally means “You're no fun.”

Stop following me.
귀찮게 굴지 마.

gwichanke gulji ma.
gwee-chahnk gooljee mah.

Do you have another lover?  
다른 사람 생겼어?

dareun saram saenggyoosseo?
dahrohn sah-rahm sang-gyawser?

It's my fault.
내가 잘못했어.

naega jalmotaesseo.
nagah jahl-mawtasser.
Can we start again?  
다시 시작할 수 있어?

dasi sijak hal sun eopseo?  
dahsee seejahh kahl soon erpser?

I can't live without you.  
너 없인 살 수 없어.

neo eopsin sal ssu eopseo.  
ner erpseen sahl soo erpser.

Please understand me.  
제발 나 좀 이해해 줘.

jebal na jom iaehae jwo.  
jebahl nah jawm ee-aha jwo.

I'll never forget you.  
널 잊을 수 없을 거야.

neol ijeul sun eopseul kkeoya.  
nerl eejohl soon erpsohl kkeryah.

I'll call you when I come back.  
돌아와서 전화할게.

dorawaseo jeonwa halkke.  
dawrah-wahser jern-wah halkke.

I'll be back soon.  
곧 올게.

got olkke.  
gawt awlkke.

Do you have to go?  
꼭 가야 돼?

kkok gaya dwae?  
kkawk gahyah dwa?

Please don't go!  
제발 가지 마!

jebal goji ma!  
jebahl gahjee mah!

Stay here with me.  
나랑 같이 여기 있어.

narang gachi yeogi isseo.  
nah-rahng gahch-ee yawge eesser.

I have to go.  
나 가야 돼.

na gaya dwae.  
nah gahyah dwa.

Try to understand.  
이해해 줘.

iaehae jwo.  
ee-aha jwo.

Take care of your health.  
몸조심 해.

momjosim hae.  
mawm-jawseem ha.

Don't cry!  
울지 마!

ulji ma!  
ooljee mah!

Wipe your tears!  
눈물 닦아!

nunmul dakka!  
noon-mool dahkk-ah!

Wait for me.  
기다려 줘.

gidaryeo jwo.  
geedah-ryaw jwo.
Don't make excuses!
변명하지 마!
byeonmyeonghaji ma!
byawn-myawng-hahjee mah!

Don't give me excuses!
평계 따위 들고 싶지 않아!
pinggye ttawin deut-kko sip-jji ana!
peeng-ge ttah-ween doht-kkaw seep-jhee ahhah!

Are you going to meet Jinju soon?
진주 곧 만날 거야?
jinju got mannal kkeoya?
jeenjoo gawt mahnhahl kkeryah?

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