

## Lesson 1:

# 20 Starter Phrases

## Before This Lesson

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1. Make sure you know, or have an understanding of, how to read hangul. From this point on there will be no Roman letters.

## Lesson Goals

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1. Learn some of the basic phrases that you will need right away when speaking Korean.

## From The Teachers

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1. Don't worry too much about the grammar behind any of the phrases. As you learn more, the grammar in these phrases will start to make sense. Right now your goal should be to memorize and use these phrases.
2. If you can't read the hangul just go back to the hangul charts and lessons to refresh your memory.



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As a language teacher, I am never happy when students focus on phrases instead of grammar. It's like the saying, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

Memorizing phrases is nowhere near as effective as learning how to build your OWN sentences. These phrases will help you communicate when your Korean still... sucks.

## 1 Communication

These phrases are handy when you begin using the Korean you have learned.

### 1. 천천히 말해 주세요.

Please speak slowly.

### 2. 다시 한 번 말해 주세요.

Please say it again once more.

### 3. 영어로 뭐예요?

What is it in English?

### 4. 한국어로 뭐예요?

What is it in Korean?

### 5. 한국어 잘 못 해요.

I can't understand Korean well.

못 해요 is pronounced like 모 태요. There is no "S" sound.

## 1 Coming and Going

### 6. 안녕하세요.

Hello, Good morning, Good afternoon, Good evening

### 7. 잘 지냈어요?

How have you been?

### 8. 오래간만이에요!

Long time no see!

### 9. 안녕히 가세요.

Goodbye (said by the person staying)

**10. 안녕히 계세요.**

Goodbye (said by the person leaving)

**11. 안녕.**

Goodbye / Hello (used with friends only)

**1 Quick Answers**

These are some quick answers you can give when questions are asked to you in Korean.

**12. 네.**

Yes.

**13. 아니요.**

No.

**14. 아마도. (아마 can also be used as part of a sentence.)**

Maybe.

**15. 괜찮아요.**

It's okay. / I'm okay.

**16. 안돼요.**

No! (strong) / I can't!

**1 Manners****17. 감사합니다.**

Thank you.

**18. 고맙습니다.**

Thank you.

**19. 고마워.**

Thanks. (used only with friends)

**20. 천만에요.**

You're welcome. (not very commonly used)

**1 Additional Phrases**

Use this area to write in other phrases you have learned outside of this book. Put the Korean phrase first.

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