EASY KIND KOREAN

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ㅐ ㅒ ㅖ ㅖ

Four new vowels: two letters, one sound



After this episode you can

Read words with ㅐ ㅒ ㅖ ㅖ: 노래 · 카페 · 안녕하세요 · 시계

Mateo can read Korean now. Then he walks into a café. The name on his cup says 마태오. Is that his name? Even Mateo can't tell. Yet. Eleven vowels you've never been taught. Today, the first four.

Name _____ Date _____

Still no pronunciation guide

Either letter, you know the sound.

Shape, then sound

No new shapes. Just vowels you know, sharing a block.

1. Four new vowels

A vowel you know, plus one more line. A new letter. Add one more little stick, and a y sound jumps in front.

	vowel **ae**	ㅏ + ㅣ — mouth right between ㅣ and ㅏ
	vowel **e**	ㅓ + ㅣ — mouth right between ㅣ and ㅓ
	vowel **yae**	ㅐ plus one more little stick — a y sound in front
	vowel **ye**	ㅔ plus one more little stick — a y sound in front

2. Mouth in the middle: ㅐ

How to say it? Your mouth for this vowel is flat. For this one, wide open. Put your mouth right between the two. Hold it there, and make a sound.



flat → right between — hold it, one sound → wide open

3. The other side: ㅔ

Two mouths again. Flat for this vowel. Open for this one. Put yours right between them.



flat → right between — hold it, one sound → open

4. Two letters, one sound

Did you notice? In today's Korean, these two sound the same. A dog. A crab. Same sound.

Korean	meaning
개	dog
게	crab

Today's shortcut. Two letters, one sound.

ㅐ and ㅔ sound the same. So do ㅒ and ㅖ. Reading: either letter, you know the sound. Writing: learn the spelling with each word. Even Koreans name the parts on the phone: 아이 애요? 어이 에요?

5. Write it

Trace the gray letter, then write it yourself. Say it as you write.

애	에	얘	예	개	새	해	네	메	게

6. Today's words

Korean	meaning
네	yes
예	yes, a little more formal
얘	short for "this kid"
얘기	a talk, or a story
얘기해요	let's talk
사랑해요	I love you
안녕하세요	hello
카페	café
베개	pillow — both new letters in one word
계산	the bill
예약	a reservation

7. Read before you check

Shape, then sound. Find the new vowel and put your mouth in the middle. Cover the answers, then read each word out loud. Every letter here is one you know.

노래	새	내일
해	메뉴	케이크
메일	시계	예뻐요

Try it for real

> At a Korean café, they may write your name on the cup. Check the vowel. Wrong letter, same sound? Name the parts, like Mateo: 어이 에요!

Answers

노래 "no-rae" — song · **새** "sae" — bird · **내일** "nae-il" — tomorrow · **해** "hae" — sun · **메뉴** "me-nyu" — menu · **케이크** "ke-i-keu" — cake · **메일** "me-il" — email · **시계** "si-gye" — clock · **예뻐요** "ye-ppeo-yo" — pretty

Next: seven vowels left. And that menu is still waiting.