EASY KIND KOREAN

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남은 모음 일곱

The last seven vowels: two vowels, one beat



After this episode you can

Read words with the last seven vowels:
와플 · 뭐 · 돼지 · 회사 · 의자

The clerk asks: 뭐 드릴까요? Mateo fixed his cup. Now he's hungry. Seven vowels stand between him and lunch. This is the last lesson on how Hangul works.

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Still no pronunciation guide

The letter draws the road for your mouth. That's why you never needed a pronunciation guide.

Two vowels, one beat

Tall goes beside. Flat goes below. Read down, then across.

1. Seven new vowels

You have four of the eleven. Seven to go, and that's every vowel in Korean. Last time, each new letter had one plain sound. Today, the sounds move.

과	vowel **wa**	ㅗ + ㅏ — start round, then open wide
궈	vowel **wo**	ㅜ + ㅓ — round, then relaxed
귀	vowel **wi**	ㅜ + ㅣ — round, then flat
괘	vowel **wae**	ㅗ + ㅐ
궤	vowel **we**	ㅜ + ㅔ — same sound as ㅞ
괴	vowel **oe**	ㅗ + ㅣ — same sound as ㅙ
긔	vowel **ui**	ㅡ + ㅣ — flat the whole way

2. Slide: one block, one beat

Start round, then open wide. Now close the gap. The common mistake: two beats. It's one block. So, one beat.



3. Three letters, one sound

Next, three letters built from last time's vowels. Just learn the sound. The third one looks different. It sounds the same as the other two. Three letters, one sound. Say them freely, you'll be understood. Just spell them right.



4. The last one: ㅢ

This one stays flat the whole way. No round lips. Next to it, one from step one.

위	ROUND	ㅜ + ㅣ — starts round
의	FLAT	ㅡ + ㅣ — stays flat the whole way

Today's shortcut. Two vowels, one beat.

Every new vowel is two vowels you know, in one block. Read it as one beat, not two. ㅐ ㅔ ㅚ share one sound: say them freely, you'll be understood. Just spell them right.

5. Write it

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

와	워	위	왜	웨	외	의	뭐	돼	최

6. Today's words

Korean	meaning
뭐	what
고마워요	thank you
원	won, Korean money
화장실	bathroom
뒤	behind
왜	why?
왜요	why? the polite way
안 돼요	no, not allowed
최고	the best
회원	member
회원 할인	member discount — members pay less
의사	doctor
회의	meeting — the 의 often sounds softer here; read it as written, still right

7. Read before you check

Two vowels, one beat. Find the new vowel and read it as one block. Cover the answers, then read each word out loud. Every letter here is one you know.

와플	사과	키위
쉬워요	돼지	스웨터
웨이터	회사	의자

Try it for real

> At a Korean café, read the menu before you order: 와플 · 키위 주스. Then read the small print at the bottom. 회원 할인 might save someone money.

Answers

와플 "wa-peul" — waffle · **사과** "sa-gwa" — apple · **키위** "ki-wi" — kiwi · **쉬워요** "swi-wo-yo" — easy · **돼지** "dwae-ji" — pig · **스웨터** "seu-we-teo" — sweater · **웨이터** "we-i-teo" — waiter · **회사** "hoe-sa" — company · **의자** "ui-ja" — chair

Next: a little longer. We review it all, and practice.