UNIT 09

Hangul Reading Practice

Goal: read real Korean words with the letters you already know. No new letters today. You already know every letter. Now you just read.

Split. Decode. Say it smoothly.

SPLIT: break the word into blocks. **DECODE**: break each block into letters. **SAY IT SMOOTHLY**: put it back together and say it.

Sound rules: **LINK** · **NOSE** · **TIGHT** · **SOFT ㅎ**. The spelling never changes. Only the sound does.

Exercise 1 · Split into blocks

Split each word into blocks, then say it out loud.

Word	Blocks	Meaning
서울		
김치		
불고기		

If a word looks hard, split it into blocks first, then into letters.

Exercise 2 · Food & places: meaning match

Read each word out loud, then write the English meaning. Word bank: **Seoul** · **kimchi** · **bulgogi** · **coffee** · **K-pop** · **subway**.

서울		김치	
불고기		커피	
케이팝		지하철	

Exercise 3 · Sound-rule detective

Read the word, then write which rule you hear: **LINK** · **NOSE** · **TIGHT** · **SOFT ㅎ**. Then write how it sounds.

Word	Rule	Sounds like
택시	_____	_____
한국어	_____	_____
국물	_____	_____
좋아요	_____	_____
입구	_____	_____
학교	_____	_____

The spelling never changes. Only the sound does. The sounds-like spellings are a teaching aid.

Exercise 4 · Sign hunt

You will see these on the street in Korea. Write the English meaning. Word bank: **exit** · **entrance** · **restroom** · **shop** · **coffee**.

출구	_____
입구	_____
화장실	_____
가게	_____
커피	_____

Bonus: 과일 means “fruit”. It has a slide vowel (ㅘ) from Unit 08.

Exercise 5 · Decode four new words

These words are not in the video. Break each block into letters, read the word, and write the meaning (**hospital · market · airport · bank**).

Word	Letters in each block	Meaning
병원		
시장		
공항		
은행		

Exercise 6 · Read out loud (no romanization!)

Read each row out loud, then tick the boxes.

Words 1	서울 김치 불고기 커피 케이팝 지하철	☐☐
Words 2	택시 출구 입구 화장실 과일	☐☐
Words 3	한국어 국물 좋아요 학교	☐☐
Words 4	병원 시장 공항 은행	☐☐

Exercise 7 · Quick quiz

1. What are the 3 reading steps?

A Split, decode, say it smoothly **B** Guess, skip, move on **C** Memorize, copy, repeat

2. Does a sound rule change the spelling?

A Yes **B** No **C** Only at the end

3. Which word has the tight sound?

A 서울 **B** 택시 **C** 커피

4. Which sign means “exit”?

A 입구 **B** 가게 **C** 출구

5. What do you do when a word looks hard?

A Skip it **B** Split it into blocks, then letters **C** Wait for the audio

6. How many vowels, consonant letters and ending sounds does Hangul have?

A 10 · 14 · 3 **B** 21 · 19 · 7 **C** 30 · 30 · 30

Unit 09 Master Check

- ☐ I know the 3 reading steps: split, decode, say it smoothly
- ☐ I know a sound rule changes the sound, not the spelling
- ☐ I can name the four rules: LINK, NOSE, TIGHT, SOFT ㅎ
- ☐ I can read 서울 · 김치 · 불고기 · 커피 · 케이팝 · 지하철
- ☐ I can read the signs 출구 · 입구 · 화장실
- ☐ I can decode a new word by splitting it into blocks, then letters
- ☐ I know Hangul has 21 vowels, 19 consonant letters and 7 ending sounds

Keep going: Read a few words out loud every day. Reading gets faster every time. Next up is Unit 10: people and family.

Answer Key

Check your work. Then read every answer out loud once more.

Exercise 1

서울 = 서 · 울 · Seoul
김치 = 김 · 치 · kimchi
불고기 = 불 · 고 · 기 · bulgogi

Exercise 2

서울 = Seoul · 김치 = kimchi · 불고기 = bulgogi · 커피 = coffee · 케이팝 = K-pop · 지하철 = subway

Exercise 3

택시 = TIGHT · 택씨
한국어 = LINK · 한구거
국물 = NOSE · 궁물
좋아요 = SOFT ㅎ · 조아요
입구 = TIGHT · 입꾸
학교 = TIGHT · 학꾜

Exercise 4

출구 = exit · 입구 = entrance · 화장실 = restroom · 가게 = shop · 커피 = coffee · 과일 = fruit

Exercise 5

병원 = (ㅂ+ㅕ+ㅇ)(ㅇ+ㅝ+ㄴ) · hospital
시장 = (ㅅ+ㅣ)(ㅈ+ㅏ+ㅇ) · market
공항 = (ㄱ+ㅗ+ㅇ)(ㅎ+ㅏ+ㅇ) · airport
은행 = (ㅇ+ㅡ+ㄴ)(ㅎ+ㅐ+ㅇ) · bank

Exercise 7

1. A (split, decode, say it smoothly) · 2. B (the spelling never changes) · 3. B (택시 [택씨]) · 4. C (출구) · 5. B (split into blocks, then letters) · 6. B (21 vowels · 19 consonant letters · 7 ending sounds)

Some answers depend on your own pronunciation. Compare your voice with the native-speaker audio in the video.