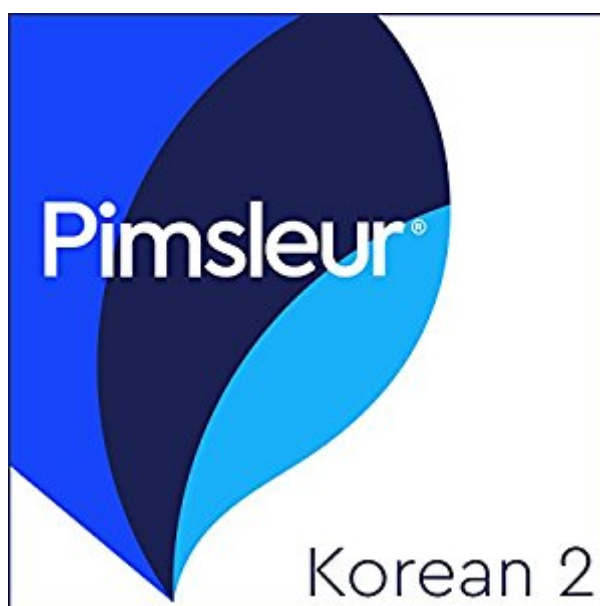


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# Pimsleur Korean Level 2: Learn To Speak And Understand Korean With Pimsleur Language Programs



## Synopsis

The easiest and fastest way to learn Korean Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning Korean will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try. What You'll Learn Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur Korean Level 1. In the first 10 lessons you'll begin using the past tense. Structures become more complex, and informal speech is introduced. Soon you'll take part in conversations about ordering meals, shopping, and local tourist attractions. As you progress, your fluency will increase as your vocabulary expands. The next 10 lessons will allow you to further combine and build upon known elements and produce longer and more complex sentences. You'll be discussing business and social activities, expressing your interests, and talking about the weather. In the final 10 lessons, you'll double your vocabulary and have several hundred structures to draw upon. You'll learn to express yourself with relative structures - faster, slower, etc. You'll be able to ask for assistance in many situations and to ask for directions to various locations. You'll explore sports and leisure activities, manage changing money and banking, and discuss travel plans. By the end of the program, you'll be speaking at a mid-intermediate level with near-native pronunciation, and you'll be comfortable meeting most social demands and limited job requirements. Reading lessons, which build upon the reading skills acquired in level 1, are included at the end of lesson 30. These lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to give you practice reading Korean. The Korean Language Korean, the native language of about 80 million people, is the official language of both North and South Korea. It is also spoken in neighboring Yanbian, China. There are two standard dialects, Seoul (South Korea) and P'yongyang (North Korea). Pimsleur's Korean teaches the Seoul dialect of South Korea.

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## Customer Reviews

It is actually my wife who uses these Pimsleur courses, but she says they are the best thing since sliced bread. The way the information is presented and repeated incrementally is evidently a very good one. Korean is not a user-friendly language for English speakers, so the fact that one can simply listen to these disks in the car and come out being functional in that language is amazing. Pimsleur courses are not cheap, but they are worth it because they actually work. We have bought many other Korean courses and they were for the most part a waste of money. I guess you get what you pay for.

Pimsleur's Korean II continues in the vein of their Korean I series of CD conversational lessons. The format enables the student to learn while driving, among other things, and permits as much repetition as necessary to get the vocabulary and pronunciation fairly correct, realizing that there are regional idioms in Korean as there are in other languages. Since this is Korean II, the conversations move appropriately faster and with greater complexity than they do in Korean I. This is all fine. The only real complaint I have about the series is that, at least in the lessons I've gone through so far, they employ a female speaker who talks as though she has something in her mouth. As a result, her pronunciation is not always clear, which hinders learning. All in all, however, it's a good series and worth the investment if one can not commit to a more thorough, structured approach.

Pimsleur Korean Although the basis of one lesson a day is for not for the less-than-genius I appreciated the progression that facilitates the assimilation of the language more particularly in the case of Asian languages that have drastically different sentence structure than latin languages. I've tried on my own and found out that I was expecting too much at a time which is the path to discouragement.

I had been attempting to learn Korean for a while before I read about Pimsleur. I have now

completed Pimsleur Korean Comprehensive I and II. The courses are expensive, but very good value for money, they helped me in a way that no other course has. Pimsleur Korean engaged my interest, held my attention, and actually got me to SPEAK and LISTEN to Korean. I have been astonished by the reception I have had with native speakers since using this course. When in a Korean restaurant I asked for the bill in Korean, and the waiter (a 2nd generation Korean) said in astonishment "your accent is better than mine!". These courses have given me the confidence to speak Korean and try and communicate with Korean speakers that I simply did not have before. I cannot recommend the Pimsleur Comprehensive Korean I and II courses highly enough; I would happily give them six stars out of five.

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