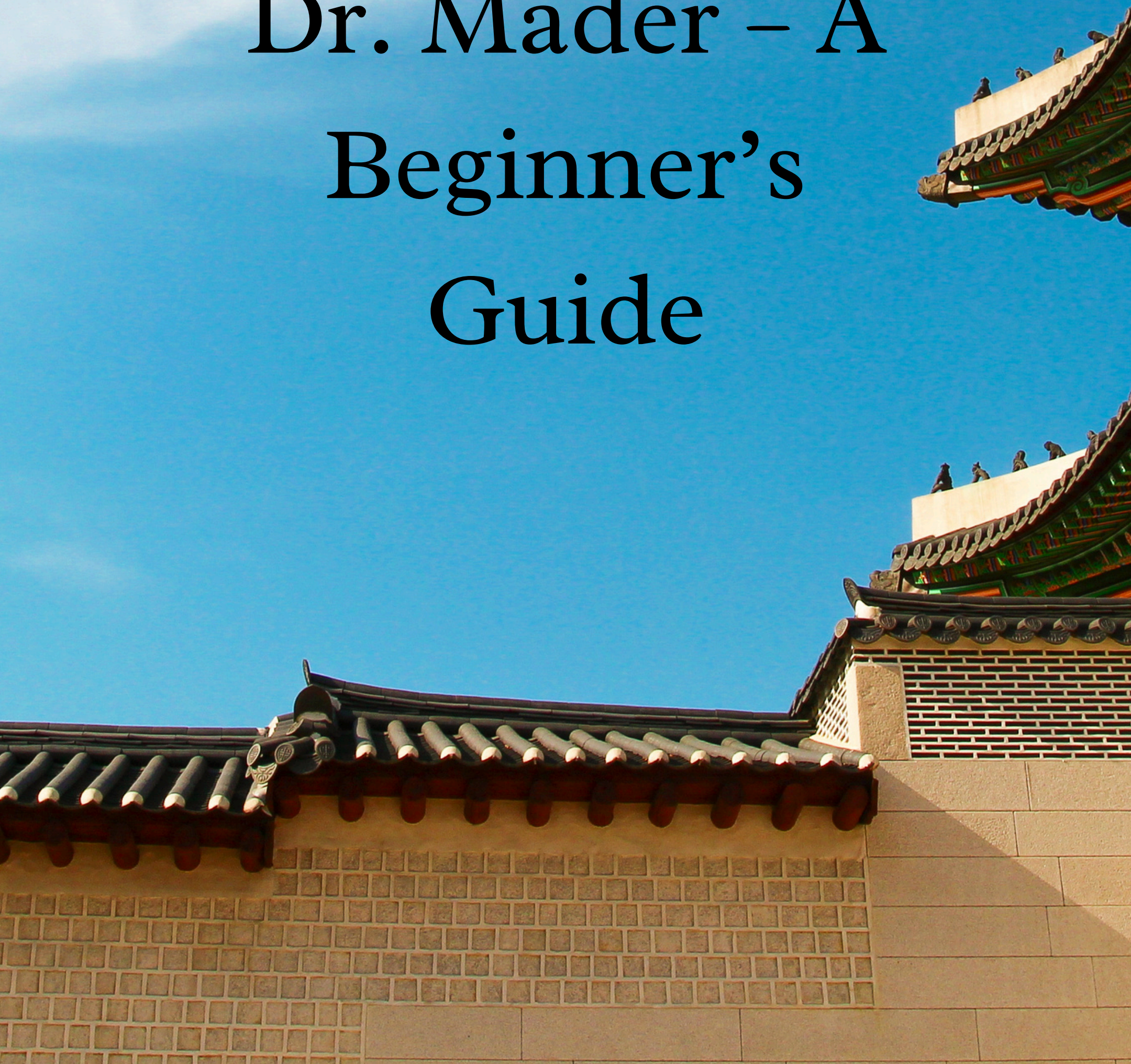


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Learn Korean
with Richard
Dr. Mader – A
Beginner's
Guide



Introduction – Why Learn Korean?

Korean is spoken by over 80 million people worldwide, primarily in South Korea and North Korea, but also in China, the United States, and other countries with large Korean communities. With the rise of K-pop, Korean dramas, technology, and business, more and more people are interested in learning Korean.

Unlike English, Korean has a unique writing system, Hangeul, and follows a different sentence structure. However, once you understand the basics, Korean can be easier than many other languages because it has no gendered nouns, simple verb conjugations, and a logical writing system.



한국말 하실 줄 아세요?

The Korean Alphabet – Hangeul (한글)

Unlike languages that use complex characters (like Chinese or Japanese), Korean uses a simple, logical writing system called Hangeul. It was invented in 1443 by King Sejong the Great to make reading and writing easier for common people.

Basic Structure of Hangeul:

Hangeul consists of 14 consonants and 10 vowels, which are combined to form syllables. Each Korean syllable block is made up of:

- A consonant (C)
- A vowel (V)
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Basic Greetings and Common Expressions

Learning basic greetings and phrases will help you feel more confident when speaking Korean. Here are some of the most useful ones:

Formal Greetings (존댓말 – Polite Speech)

- 안녕하세요? (Annyeonghaseyo?) – Hello / How are you?
- 안녕히 계세요. (Annyeonghi gyeseyo.) – Goodbye (when you are leaving).
- 안녕히 가세요. (Annyeonghi gaseyo.) – Goodbye (when someone else is leaving).
- 감사합니다. (Gamsahamnida.) – Thank you.
- 죄송합니다. (Joesonghamnida.) – I'm sorry.

Casual Greetings (반말 – Informal Speech)

- 안녕! (Annyeong!) – Hi!
- 잘 지내? (Jal jinae?) – How are you?
- 고마워. (Gomawo.) – Thanks.

Introducing Yourself in Korean

When meeting someone for the first time, it's polite to introduce yourself.

Formal Introduction:

- 저는 [Your Name]입니다. – I am [Your Name].
- 제 이름은 [Your Name]입니다. – My name is [Your Name].
- 만나서 반갑습니다. – Nice to meet you.
- 저는 [Your Country]에서 왔습니다. – I am from [Your Country].
 - 저는 미국에서 왔습니다. – I am from the U.S.
 - 저는 영국에서 왔습니다. – I am from the U.K.
- 저는 한국어를 배우고 있습니다. – I am learning Korean.

Thank you
for reading!