

Most Basic Korean Verbs

Learning Korean starts with mastering its most fundamental verbs, as they form the backbone of everyday communication. From greetings like *하다* (to do) and *가다* (to go) to expressions of need and preference such as *먹다* (to eat) and *원하다* (to want), these essential verbs help learners build meaningful sentences quickly. This collection focuses on the most commonly used verbs in Korean, offering clear examples and practical tips for usage, pronunciation, and conjugation. Perfect for beginners, it's a stepping stone to gaining confidence in speaking and understanding the Korean language.

Korean	English
가다	to go
가르치다	to teach
가리키다	to point, to indicate
가져가다	to take, to carry
가져오다	to bring; to cause
가지다	to have, to possess
갈아입다	to change (one's clothes)
갈아타다	to change/transfer to (car, metro, train etc.)
감다 (1)	to close (one's eyes)
감다 (2)	to wind up, to coil
감사하다	to appreciate, to thank
감추다	to hide, to disguise
강조하다	to emphasize
갖추다	to prepare, to be equipped (with)

개발하다	to develop, to create
거두다	to collect; to achieve
거짓말하다	to lie, to tell a lie
걱정하다	to worry (about)
건너다	to cross (over)
걷다	to walk
걸다	to hang; to call
걸리다 (1)	to hang, to be hung; to catch (a cold)
걸리다 (2)	to take (time)
걸어가다	to go on foot, to walk
걸어오다	to come on foot
겪다	to experience, to undergo
견디다	to endure, to bear, to stand
결심하다	to resolve
결정되다	to be decided
결정하다	to decide
결혼하다	to marry
경험하다	to experience
계산하다	to calculate; to pay
계속되다	to continue; to be continued
계속하다	to continue, to keep (on)
계시다	to be, to stay (honorific of 있다)

고려하다	to consider
고르다	to choose, to select
고생하다	to have a hard time, to suffer
고치다	to repair, to fix; to revise/edit
공부하다	to study
관련되다	to be related (to)
관찰하다	to observe, to watch
관하다	concerning, regarding
구경하다	to see the sights, to look around
구성되다	to be composed, to be formed
구하다 (1)	to seek; to get
구하다 (2)	to rescue, to save
굽다	to roast, to grill; to bake
그러다	to do that, to do this
그리다	to draw, to paint
그만두다	to stop, to drop, to quit
그치다	to stop, to cease
근무하다	to work
기다리다	to wait
기대하다	to expect, to anticipate
기록하다	to record, to write
기르다	to raise, to grow; to develop

기뻐하다	to rejoice, to be happy
기억나다	to remember, to come to mind
기억하다	to remember, to recall
기울이다	to lean; to pay (attention)
깎다	to peel, to cut; to cut down, to discount
깨다 (1)	to wake (up); to sober up
깨다 (2)	to break, to smash
깨닫다	to realize, to become aware
꺼내다	to pull, to take out
꾸미다	to decorate; to invent, to fabricate
꿈꾸다	to dream (of)
끄다	to put out; to switch off
끄덕이다	to nod, to give a nod
끊다	to cut; to stop; to hang up
끊어지다	to get cut; to be disconnected
끌다	to pull, to draw; to drag, to prolong
끓다	to boil
끝나다	to end, to be over
끝내다	to finish, to put an end to
나가다	to go out; to attend; to leave, to quit
나누다	to divide, to split; to share
나다	to grow, to sprout; to happen, to occur

나빠지다	to become worse
나서다	to come/step forward
나오다	to come out, to turn up; to finish; to quit
나타나다	to appear
나타내다	to show, to express
날다	to fly
날아가다	to fly away, to fly off; to be gone
남기다	to leave (behind)
남다	to remain, to be left
낳다	to give birth to; to produce
내놓다	to put out, to take out
내다	to give, to put; to hand in; to pay
내려가다	to go down
내려오다	to come down
내리다	to fall; to get off; to lower
내밀다	to stick out, to stretch out
넘기다	to pass, to pass over, to turn (over)
넘다	to cross, to pass
넘어가다	to cross; to move on
넘어서다	to cross, to pass
넘치다	to overflow, to brim over
넣다	to put (something in)

노래하다	to sing a song
노력하다	to endeavor, to strive
놀다	to play, to hang out with
놀라다	to be surprised
높이다	to make something high, to increase
놓다	to lay, to put; to release, to let go
놓이다	to be put, to be laid; to feel relieved
놓치다	to miss (bus, opportunity)
누르다	to press
눕다	to lie
느끼다	to feel
늘다	to increase; to improve
늘리다	to increase, to lengthen
늘어나다	to stretch; to grow, to increase
늙다	to get old
늦다	to be late
다가가다	to approach
다가오다	to approach, to come up
다녀오다	to go and get back
다니다	to go (to); to attend
다치다	to hurt, to be wounded
다하다	to run out; to carry out, to fulfill

뉘다	to clean, to wash
닫다	to close
닫히다	to be closed, to close
달다	to hoist, to attach, to wear
달라지다	to change, to alter
달려가다	to run, to dash
달리다 (1)	to run
달리다 (2)	to hang; to be up to, to depend on
달아나다	to escape, to run away
닮다	to resemble, to look like
담기다	to be put in
담다	to put, to hold
당기다	to pull, to draw
당하다	to go through, to suffer
닿다	to touch, to reach
대다	to put, to apply, to touch
대답하다	to answer, to reply
대하다	to treat, to face; concerning
더하다	to add
던지다	to throw
덮다	to cover, to close
데려가다	to take (a person)

데려오다	to bring, to fetch
데리다	to pick somebody up
도망가다	to run away
도와주다	to help
도착하다	to arrive
돌다	to turn, to rotate
돌리다	to change, to convert; to spin, to turn
돌보다	to take care, to look after
돌아가다	to return; to pass away
돌아보다	to look back
돌아오다	to return, to come back
돕다	to help
되다	to become, to come to
두다	to put, to set
둘러보다	to look around
둘러싸다	to surround
드러나다	to come out, to appear, to be exposed
드러내다	to show, to reveal
드리다	to give (honorific of 주다)
듣다	to hear, to listen
들다 (1)	to take, to cost; to contain; to catch
들다 (2)	to raise; to hold

들르다	to drop by
들리다	to be heard, to sound
들어가다	to enter, to go into
들어서다	to enter, to go into; to be built
들어오다	to enter, to come into
들여다보다	to look in(to)
따다	to pick, to get; to unlock
따라가다	to follow, to go after; to match
따라오다	to follow; to match
때리다	to beat, to hit
떠나다	to leave
떠오르다	to rise up; to occur
떠올리다	to recall, to recollect
떨다	to shake, to quiver
떨리다	to quiver, to tremble
떨어지다	to fall, to drop; to fail; to run out
떼다	to take off, to detach
뛰다 (1)	to run, to dash
뛰다 (2)	to jump; to beat
뜨다 (1)	to float, to rise
뜨다	to open (one's eyes)
뜻하다	to mean, to indicate

마련하다	to prepare, to arrange
마르다	to dry, to run dry; to become thin
마시다	to drink, to have
마치다	to end, to finish
막다	to block; to stop, to prevent
막히다	to be blocked, to be stopped, to be clogged
만나다	to meet
만들다	to make, to produce
만족하다	to be satisfied, to be content
만지다	to touch
말다	to stop
말씀하다	to say, to speak (honorific of 말하다)
말하다	to say, to speak
맞다 (1)	to be right, to be correct; to fit
맞다 (2)	to be hit, to be beaten; to get
맞다 (3)	to face a certain time; to greet, to welcome
맞추다	to check, compare; to adjust
맞히다	to guess right, to hit the mark
맡기다	to entrust, to leave
맡다 (1)	to take care of, to take on; to keep
맡다 (2)	to smell, to sniff
매다	to tie, to fasten, to wear

머무르다	to stay
먹다	to eat, to have, to take
먹이다	to feed
멈추다	to stop, to halt
모르다	to not know
모시다	to take care of; to take, to bring (honorific form of 데리다)
모으다	to gather, to collect
모이다	to gather, to come together
모자라다	to be short, to be insufficient
몰다	to steer, to drive
못하다	to be poor; to be incapable, cannot
무너지다	to collapse, to give way
무시하다	to ignore, to neglect
묶다	to tie, to bind
물다	to ask
물다	to bite; to hold something in one's mouth
물어보다	to ask
미루다	to delay, to postpone; to shift blame
미워하다	to hate, to dislike
미치다	to go crazy
믿다	to believe, to trust
밀다	to push

바꾸다	to change, to switch
바뀌다	to change, to be changed
바라다	to wish, to hope, to want
바라보다	to look (at)
바르다	to apply, to put on
반대하다	to oppose
받다	to get, to take, to receive
받아들이다	to accept
발견되다	to be discovered, to be found
발견하다	to discover, to find
발달하다	to develop, to advance
발생하다	to happen, to occur
발전하다	to develop, to grow
발표하다	to announce, to make public
밝히다	to reveal, to disclose; to light
밟다	to step on
방문하다	to visit
배우다	to learn
버리다	to throw away, to abandon
벌다	to make (money), to earn (money)
벌리다	to be profitable, to spread
벌어지다	to get wider; to happen

벌이다	to start, to begin
벗다	to take off, to undress
벗어나다	to get out
변하다	to change, to vary
변화하다	to change, to turn
보내다	to send; to pass, to spend
보다	to see, to watch, to look at
보이다 (1)	to be seen, to look
보이다 (2)	to show, to let somebody see
볶다	to stir-fry
뵈다	to see, to meet (humble form of 만나다)
부르다	to call; to sing
부탁하다	to ask for a favor, to request
불다	to blow
붓다	to pour
붙다	to stick (to); to pass (a test)
붙이다	to stick
비교하다	to compare
비다	to be empty, to be vacant
비추다	to shine, to reflect
비치다	to shine, to be reflected
빌리다	to borrow, to take out a loan

빛나다	to shine, to sparkle
빠져나가다	to get out, to escape
빠지다 (1)	to sink; to be absorbed
빠지다 (2)	to fall out; to be dropped; to be absent
빼다	to remove, to subtract, to take out
뽑다	to pull; to select, to choose
뿌리다	to spread, to sprinkle
사다	to buy
사라지다	to disappear
사랑하다	to love
사용되다	to be used
사용하다	to use
살다	to live
살리다	to save (someone)
살펴보다	to examine, to search, to check
상상하다	to imagine
생각나다	to remember, to occur
생각되다	to be considered, to be thought
생각하다	to think
생겨나다	to originate, to form
생기다	to be formed, to look (like)
서다	to stand; to stop

서두르다	to hurry, to rush
섞다	to mix, to blend; to shuffle
선물하다	to give a present
선택하다	to choose, to select
설명하다	to explain
성공하다	to succeed
세우다	to make something stand; to set up; to stop
소개하다	to introduce
소리치다	to shout, to yell
속하다	to belong to
숨다	to hide
쉬다	to rest, to relax, to take a day off
시달리다	to suffer from, to worry about
시작되다	to start, to begin (by itself)
시작하다	to start, to begin (Something)
시키다	to make (somebody do); to order
식사하다	to have a meal
신다	to put on, to wear (on feet)
싣다	to load
실례하다	to annoy, to trouble
실수하다	to make a mistake
실패하다	to fail

싫어하다	to hate, to dislike
심다	to plant
싸다	to wrap; to pack
싸우다	to fight, to argue
쌓다	to pile, to stack, to accumulate
쌓이다	to be stacked, to pile up
썰다	to cut, to chop, to slice
쏟아지다	to pour
쓰다 (1)	to write
쓰다 (2)	to wear, to put on (on or overhead)
쓰다 (3)	to use, to spend
쓰이다	to be used
씹다	to chew, to bite
씻다	to wash
아끼다	to save; to cherish
안다	to hug, to hold
안되다	to be unsuccessful
앉다	to sit
않다	to be not
알다	to know
알리다	to let somebody know, to inform
알아보다	to check, to investigate; to recognize

앓다	to suffer (from), to be sick
애쓰다	to try, to endeavour
약속하다	to promise
어울리다	to get along; to match, to suit
얻다	to borrow; to gain, to get
없애다	to remove, to get rid of
여행하다	to travel
연구하다	to study, to research
연습하다	to practice
열다	to open
열리다	to open, to be opened
오다	to come
오르다	to rise, to go up
올라가다	to go up, to rise
올라오다	to come up
올리다	to raise, to lift, to post
옮기다	to move, to shift
외치다	to shout, to yell
요구하다	to request, to demand
요리하다	to cook
운동하다	to do exercise
운전하다	to drive

울다	to cry, to weep
울리다	to make somebody cry; to sound, to ring
움직이다	to move
웃기다	to make somebody laugh; to be funny
웃다	to laugh, to smile
원하다	to want, to wish
위하다	to care for; for
의미하다	to mean
의하다	to be due to, to be based on
이기다	to win, to beat; to overcome
이루다	to make, to form; to achieve
이루어지다	to be made up of; to be achieved
이사하다	to move (house), to shift
이야기하다	to talk
이용하다	to use
이해하다	to understand
이혼하다	to divorce
인사하다	to greet
일어나다	to get up, to stand up; to happen
일어서다	to stand up
일으키다	to raise; to cause
일하다	to work

읽다	to read
잃다	to lose, to be deprived of
잃어버리다	to lose something
입다	to put on, to wear; to suffer
잇다	to connect, to continue
있다	to be, to exist, to have
잊다	to forget
잊어버리다	to forget
자다	to sleep
자라다	to grow (up)
자랑하다	to boast, to show off
자르다	to cut, to sever
잘되다	to go well
잘못되다	to go wrong
잘못하다	to do wrong
잘하다	to do something well
잠들다	to go to sleep, to fall asleep
잠자다	to sleep
잡다	to catch, to hold
잡히다	to be caught
적다	to write (down)
전하다	to tell, to convey, to deliver

전화하다	to make a phone call
정리하다	to arrange, to organize
정하다	to decide, to determine
젖다	to get wet
제공하다	to offer, to provide
조사하다	to investigate, to look into
조심하다	to be careful, to watch out
졸다	to doze off
졸업하다	to graduate
좋아하다	to like, to enjoy
주다	to give
주장하다	to insist
죽다	to die
죽이다	to kill
준비하다	to prepare
줄어들다	to decrease, to shrink
줄이다	to reduce, to decrease (something)
쥐다	to hold, to clasp
즐기다	to enjoy, to have fun
증가하다	to increase, to grow
지나가다	to pass (by)
지나다	to pass, to go by

지내다	to spend one's time; to get along
지다	to lose, to be defeated
지르다	to shout, to yell
지우다	to delete, to remove
지치다	to be exhausted, to be tired
지켜보다	to watch, to observe
지키다	to keep, to obey; to guard
진행되다	to progress, to proceed
질문하다	to ask, to question
집다	to pick up
짓다	to make, to build, to name
찍다	to spear; to stamp; to take (a picture)
차다	to kick; to dump
차리다	to set, to prepare; to regain, to recover
참다	to suppress, to bear, to endure
참석하다	to attend, to participate
찾다	to find, to look for
찾아가다	to go, to visit; to pick up
찾아보다	to look for, to find
찾아오다	to come, to visit; to pick up
채우다	to fill
챙기다	to take, to pack; to take care of

청소하다	to clean
쳐다보다	to gaze, to stare
초대하다	to invite
추다	to praise (up), to flatter
축하하다	to celebrate, to congratulate
출발하다	to depart, to leave
춤추다	to dance
취소하다	to cancel, to revoke
취하다	to be drunk
치다	to hit, to strike; to play; to take
커지다	to grow bigger
켜다	to turn on, to switch on
크다	to grow (up)
키우다	to raise, to bring up, to grow
타다 (1)	to take, to ride, to get on
타다 (2)	to burn, to be burned
태어나다	to be born
태우다 (1)	to give a ride, to ride
태우다 (2)	to burn
터지다	to explode; to break out
통하다	to go through; to communicate
틀다	to turn (e.g. a tap); to twist

틀리다	to be wrong, to be incorrect
팔다	to sell
펴다	to unfold, to spread, to open
펼쳐지다	to spread, to be held
펼치다	to open, to unfold
포기하다	to give up, to abandon
포함되다	to be included
포함하다	to include, to contain
표현하다	to express, to show
풀다	to untie, to unfasten; to solve
풀리다	to come untied; to be solved
피다	to bloom, to blossom
피우다	to light, to burn; to smoke
피하다	to avoid, to escape
하다	to do
해결하다	to settle, to solve
향하다	to head, to face (to a direction)
화나다	to be angry
확인하다	to confirm, to check
활용하다	to use
후회하다	to regret
흐르다	to flow, to run; to elapse, to pass

흔들다	to shake, to swing
흘리다	to shed, to drop