

Korean: An Essential Grammar

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This book is a concise and convenient guide to the basic grammatical structure of Standard Korean. The book consists of ten chapters: Introduction, the Korean writing system, the sound system, the sentence, words, verbs, negations, nouns, modifiers, and linguistic protocol. Presenting a fresh and accessible description of the language, this engaging *Grammar* uses clear, jargon-free explanations and sets out the complexities of Korean in short, readable sections.

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