



All About South Korea



The English Hub

Discovering South Korea

Today we're learning English through the theme of South Korea: a country full of energy, tradition, and technology. We'll focus on grammar, speaking clearly, learning new words, and expressing your thoughts confidently.

Lesson Goals:

- Practise the **present continuous** tense
- Use vocabulary related to daily life and cultural elements
- Build fluency through questions and sentence building
- Speak with better rhythm and pronunciation
- Learn by imagining real-life communication



What Do You Know About South Korea?

Discuss:

- Have you been to South Korea or met anyone from there?
- What do you think life is like in South Korea?
- Do you know any food, movies/TV shows, music, or traditions from there?
- Would you like to go?

Tip: Sentence support: **“I think...”, “Maybe...”, “I’ve heard...”**



South Korea: Introduction

Review and discuss the information below with your tutor:

1. Capital: **Seoul**
2. Language: Korean
3. Known for: **technology, food, music, beautiful mountains, modern cities**
4. Climate: Four seasons, hot summers, cold winters
5. Popular activities: **K-pop, hiking, café culture, traditional festivals**

Fun Fact:

There's a library in Seoul with **books that go up to the ceiling, 13 metres high!**



Vocabulary: Daily Life, Places & Culture

Review the vocabulary below with your tutor:

Word	Spoken Definition
Café	A place to relax and have coffee or snacks
Temple	A traditional place of worship
Technology	Modern machines, computers, phones etc.
Cityscape	The view of a city, especially from high places
Festival	A special event with dancing, food, and music
Street food	Quick and tasty food sold outside
Modern	New and up-to-date in design or ideas
Traditional	From the past, cultural and respected

Task: Choose 2 words from the list and have a go at describing them using your own words and sentences.



Vocabulary Speaking: Use New Words

Take turns in asking and answering the questions below with your tutor:

- Do you like going to cafés? What do you do there?
- What's your favourite festival?
- What modern things do you use every day?
- Do you prefer traditional or modern buildings?

Tip: Support structures:

“I like... because...”, “In my country, we also have...”



Grammar Focus: Present Continuous

Grammar Rule:

We use the **present continuous** to talk about what's happening **now** or around now.

Structure:

Subject + am/is/are + verb-ing

Examples:

- “She **is eating** Korean street food.”
- “They **are walking** in Seoul.”
- “I **am learning** English today.”
- “We **are talking** about South Korea.”

Used for current actions or temporary activities



Grammar Speaking Practice: What Are You Doing Now?

Discuss:

- What are you doing today?
- What are people doing in your home right now?
- Are you learning anything new these days?
- What is your friend doing this weekend?

Tip: Create sentences using:
“I am...”, “She is...”, “They are...”

Tip: We don't say 'I learning', we must use 'am' before the verb!



Common Contractions

Using contractions allows us to have natural speech and flow, improving fluency:

I am → **I'm**

I will → **I'll**

You are → **You're**

You will → **You'll**

He is → **He's**

Do not → **Don't**

She is → **She's**

Cannot → **Can't**

It is → **It's**

Will not → **Won't**

We are → **We're**

They are → **They're**



Grammar Add-On: Negatives and Questions

Grammar Rule:

Negative:

“I’m not going”, “He isn’t working”, “They aren’t cooking”

Questions:

“Are you going?”, “Is she sleeping?”, “What are they doing?”

Examples:

- “I’m not watching TV.”
- “Is he studying now?”
- “They aren’t working today.”

Task: Spot the contractions in the example sentences.

Ask & Answer: Use the Present Continuous

Discuss:

1. What are you doing this week?
2. What is someone in your family doing right now?
3. What are people doing in the park or street today?
4. What is something you're not doing, but want to?

Tip: Build fluency with natural grammar:

“I’m relaxing...”, “She isn’t working...”, “Are you learning anything?”

Pronunciation: Word Stress & Fluency

Read the words below with your tutor, focusing on pronunciation and fluency:

- Technology
- Festival
- Learning
- Talking
- Eating
- Modern
- Traditional
- Visiting

Focus:

- Word stress (e.g. *TECH-nol-o-gy*)
- Natural pauses
- Verb endings: **-ing** sounds



Listening/Reading: A Day in Busan

Your tutor will read out the following passage:

“I’m spending the weekend in Busan. Right now, I’m sitting in a café near the sea. People are walking along the beach and eating spicy rice cakes from street food stalls. Some are taking photos of the sunset. I’m drinking iced coffee and writing about my trip. The weather is perfect!”

Questions:

- Where is the speaker?
- What are people doing on the beach?
- What is the speaker drinking?
- What would you do if you were there?

Tip: Try to use **present continuous** in answers



Activity: Imagine You're in Seoul

Scenario:

Let's imagine you're spending a day in Seoul. Describe what you're doing now, to your tutor:

Discuss:

- Are you shopping or walking around?
- Are you visiting a temple or a café?
- What food are you trying?
- What is the weather like? What are people doing around you?

Tip: Include the use of descriptive, full sentences using **present continuous**



Game Real or Not Real?

Define which of the sentences below are true and which are false:

1. South Korea has more robots than people.
2. People often eat kimchi with their meals.
3. The capital is Busan.
4. Some cafés have animals like cats or sheep.

Answers on the next slide:



Answers:

1. South Korea has more robots than people. – False
2. People often eat kimchi with their meals. – True
3. The capital is Busan. - False (It's Seoul)
4. Some cafés have animals like cats or sheep. - True

Discuss:

Which one surprised you the most?

Would you visit a café that has animals? Why/Why not?

Fun Facts About South Korea

Read and discuss these fun facts about South Korea with your tutor:

- South Korea has one of the **fastest internet speeds** in the world
- **Kimchi** is a traditional food made from fermented vegetables
- There's a library in Seoul with **over 50,000 books on display**
- **K-pop** is short for Korean pop music, it's popular around the world
- **Cherry blossoms** bloom beautifully in spring, like in Japan

Discuss:

Would you like to visit South Korea? If so, which city and why?

