Why Learn A World Language?

- In an increasingly globalized world, the knowledge of a world language becomes an indispensable skill important not only for personal enrichment, but also for broadening employment opportunities.
- According to a study from the University of Chicago, knowledge of a world language helps you boost decision-making skills.
- Students who study world languages score higher on standardized tests, as a study from York University in Toronto showed. Students who study a world language for at least one year score an average of 38 points higher on the SATs.
- Knowledge of a world language increases your chances of landing a good job, as demonstrated in a recent poll in The Economist. An MIT study shows that people who know two or more languages earn an average of $128,000 more over their lifetimes.
- Learning a second language has compelling health benefits, as suggested by a study from York University in Toronto that connects prevention of the onset of dementia with foreign language learning.

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Korean is the sixteenth most widely spoken language in the world, spoken by more than 78 million people. The number of Korean language learners has remarkably grown in the past several decades beyond the Korean peninsula and overseas Korean communities, a growth due partly to South Korea’s increasingly visible roles in the world economy, technological innovation, and global popular culture, offering excellent career opportunities for the student of the language. The Korean language has many other interesting linguistic and cultural features, such as multiple speech levels, honorific expressions, and different particles that indicate grammatical relations in a sentence.

Who speaks Korean?
The Korean language is shared between both North and South Korea. According to many scholars, it is part of the Altaic language family. There are various dialects but the language is generally understood everywhere. The language is considered one of the best and most well planned languages in history. Hangeul is the Korean name of the language. The alphabet was created by King Sejong in 1446. The alphabet is extremely easy to learn, which gives Korea one of the highest literacy rates in the World.

Famous Americans of Korean Descent
- David Choi - famous singer-songwriter on YouTube
- Dia Frampton - musician, younger sister of Meg
- Joseph Kahn - music video and movie director
- David Kim - CEO of Baja Fresh
- Jim Yong Kim - President of the World Bank
- Jay Kim - former Congressman from California
- Suji Kwock Kim - poet, playwright, author
- Young Lee - co-founder of Pinkberry
- Suchin Pak - MTV News anchor and reporter
- John Yoo - former US Deputy Attorney General
- David Yungi Cho - Christian minister of the world’s largest congregation in South Korea

Learn these everyday phrases!

- Welcome: 환영합니다 (hwangyong-hamnida)
- Hello (General greeting): 안녕하세요 (anyeonghaseyo)
- Long time no see: 오랜만이다 (orenmanida)
- Morning/afternoon/evening greeting: 안녕하심니까 (anyeong hashimnikka)
- Nighttime parting phrase: 안녕히 주무시요 (anyeong hi jumusipsio)
- What's your name?: 이름은 무엇입니까? (ireumeun mueosim nikka?)
- My name is ____ : 제 이름은 ____ 입니다 (je ireum-eun ... imnida)

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