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Korea is a country on the continent of Asia.



Its closest neighbors are China and Japan.

Korea is a peninsula, a long strip of land that juts out into the sea.



It is surrounded on three sides by water.



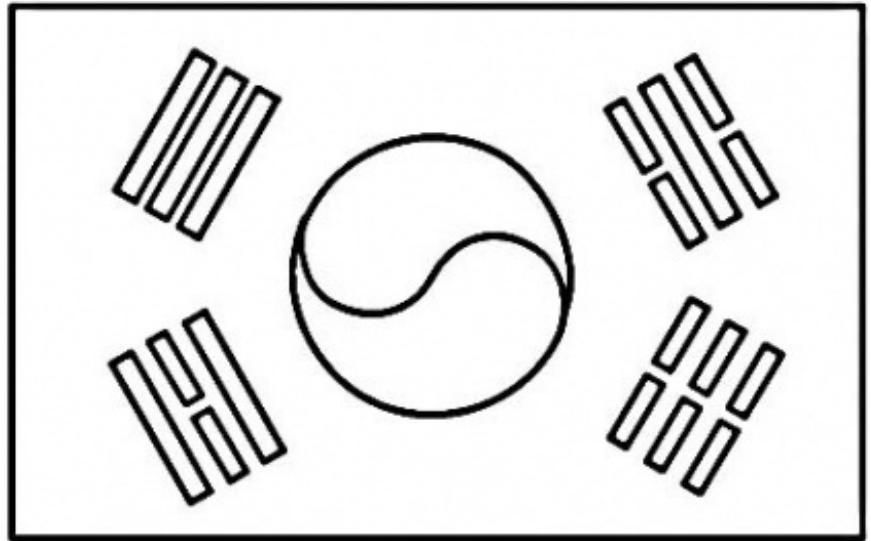
The Korean peninsula is currently divided into two countries: South Korea and North Korea.

The capital of South Korea is Seoul.

The capital of North Korea is Pyongyang.

This is the Korean flag.

The symbol in the center is a taegeuk.
The top half is red. The bottom half is blue. The four trigrams are black.



The Korean Alphabet

Vowels	ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ
	a	ya	ö	yö	o	yo	u	yu	ü	i
Consonants	ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ			
	k, g	n	t, d	r, l	m	p, b	s, sh			
	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㅌ	ㅍ	ㅎ			
		ch, j	ch'	k'	t'	p'	h			

The language spoken in Korea is Korean. This is the Korean alphabet, known as Hangeul.

Kimchi, a spicy vegetable side dish, is Korea's most famous food. There are hundreds of varieties of kimchi in Korea. The



most popular varieties of kimchi are made from cabbage, radish, cucumber, or green onion.

Rice is a part of almost every Korean meal.



These women are wearing hanbok, traditional Korean clothing. Today, Koreans wear hanbok only on special occasions.

Korean people are proud
of their country's four
distinct seasons.
Korea has cold, snowy winters.



Cherry trees blossom
in the spring. Summer
brings hot, rainy days.
Autumn is cool, clear,
and colorful.



Today,
most
Koreans
live in
high-rise
apartment
buildings
like these.



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