

Common Korean / English errors

| PROBLEM | ENGLISH SOUND | | COMMON ERROR | | PRACTICE MATERIALS |
|---|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tongue touches hard palate. | /l/ | "light" (clear) | /r/ | "right" | |
| Contact. Brief "schwa" after release. | /ɪ/ | "tall" (dark I) | | | |
| Back of tongue to back roof. Nasal. | /ŋ/ + /k/ | "think" | /ŋ/ + /g/ | "thin" + k or g | |
| Voiced stop: back of tongue to back roof. | /ŋ/ + /g/ | "thing" | /ŋ/ + /k/ | "think" | |
| Voiced: tip of tongue behind top teeth. Friction. | /z/ | "rise" | /s/ | "rice" | |
| Voiceless. Friction. Tongue between teeth. | /θ/ | "thin" | /s/ | "sin" | |
| Voiced. Friction with top teeth & bottom lip. | /v/ | "vet" | /w/ | "wet" | |
| Voiced. Friction with top teeth & bottom lip. | /v/ | "vet" | /b/ | "bet" | |
| Tongue central. Then tightly round lips. | /əʊ/ | "bone" | /ɔ:/ | "born" | |
| Tongue central. Then tightly round lips. | /əʊ/ | "note" | /ɒ/ | "not" | |
| Weak endings: e.g. "London" "England" | /ə/ | "the" (schwa) | | | |
| Fix tongue in central position. Long. | /ɜ:/ | "bird" | | | |
| Tongue low, back & fixed. Jaws together. | /ɔ:/ | "bought" | /əʊ/ | "boat" | |
| Tongue low & back. Jaws together. Long. | /ɔ:/ | "nought" | /ɒ/ | "not" | |
| Keep mouth round and tongue back. | /ɒ/ | "not" | | | |