

Defining Korean cultural code words

Defining and non-defining relative clauses

Work together to explain things from below in a way that would be understandable to someone who had never heard of it, starting with any you like.

"Couple look"	Ajumma	Anju
Bulgogi	Chuseok	Dan-gun
DMZ	DVD bang	Gyopo
Hagwon	Hallyu	Hanbok
Hangeul	Hanok	Jeonse
Jjimjilbang	Kalbi	Kimchi
Kisaeng	KTX	Minbak
Mudang	Ohmy News	Ondol
Pansori	PC bang	Pension
Samgetan	Samul nori	Soju
Sunde chigye	Taekwondo	Yangban

Say one definition you agreed on and see if the class can improve on it.

Ask about anything which is difficult to explain, working together to do so as a class each time. Then change pairs. Take turns choosing a Korean thing and defining what you are thinking about without saying the word (e.g. "These are people who were near the top of the traditional Korean class system") until your partner guesses which one it is.

Change pairs. Choose a Korean thing and take turns adding information to what your partner says until you run out of things to say, in exchanges like:

Student A "Ondol is a heating system which runs under the floor"

Student B "Ondol, which is a heating system which runs under the floor, is very traditional in Korea"

Student A "Ondol, which is a heating system which runs under the floor, is very traditional in Korea but still very popular"

Discussion questions

Which things do you think most foreigners would already have heard of before they visited Korea?

Which things above are the most important to explain to describe traditional and modern Korean culture?

What other things should be on the list above? How would you explain what they are?

What words might you need to be able to explain to talk about these topics?

- Cooking
- Your favourite foods
- Holidays, festivals and celebrations
- Education
- Accommodation