

PARTICLES IN KOREAN

은/는

(eun/neun)

Topic or subject marking particle. 은 is used following a consonant while 는 is used following a vowel.

나는 선생님이다.
I am a teacher.

이/가

(i/ga)

Identifier/subject particle. 이 is used following a consonant while 가 is used following a vowel.

내가 할게요.
I'll do it.

도

(do)

Used as an additive particle. Equivalent to "too" or "also".

나도 학생이다.
I am a student too./
I am also a student.

을/를

(eul-reul)

An object marking particle (attached to an object a verb describes). 을 is used after a consonant while 를 is used after a vowel.

책을 읽었다.
I read a book.

에게/한테/께

(e-ge/han-te/kke)

A dative particle. Used for when you are giving or receiving something from someone. 께 is honorific, 에게 is formal, and 한테 informal.

너한테 할 말이 있어.
I have something to tell you.

으로/로

(eu-ro/ro)

Used to describe a way or method of doing something. 으로 is used following a consonant other than 'ㄹ'. 로 is used after a vowel or after 'ㄹ'.

가위로 종이를 잘랐다.
I cut paper with scissors.

에/에서

(e/e-seo)

Time and location marking particle. 에서 is used as "from" and "to". 에서 can also be used as "in" or "at" if the verb is not motion related.

몇 시에 만날까요?
What time should we meet?

부터/까지

(bu-teo-kkaji)

Used as "from" and "to". Specifically as to when something starts and finishes.

4시까지 기다릴게요.
I will wait until 4 o'clock.

들

(deul)

Plural marker. Usually only attached to person nouns and not objects. Attaching this to objects sounds awkward.

사람들이 많네요.
There are a lot of people.

만

(man)

Means "only" and is used after nouns.

물만 마셨다.
I only drank water.

의

(ui)

Possessive marker.

한국의 수도는 서울이다.
The capital of South Korea is Seoul.

과/와/랑/이랑

(gwa/wa/rang/i-rang)

Used to express "with", "and", or "as with". 과/이랑 are used after a consonant and 와/랑 are used after a vowel. 랑 & 이랑 are more informal and is mainly used in speech.

빵이랑 우유를 먹었어요.
I ate bread with milk.

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