Korean–English Dictionary

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kiyŏk	niǔn	${f tig} {f \check{u}} {f t}$	riŭl	miům	piǔp	$reve{ ext{siot}}$
iǔng	čiǔt	c^h i \check{u} t	$\mathbf{k^hi\check{u}k}$	$\mathbf{t^hi\check{u}t}$	$\mathbf{p^hi\check{u}p}$	hiǔt
			Vowel	S		
a	æ	ya	yæ	ŏ	\mathbf{e}	yŏ
$\mathbf{y}\mathbf{e}$	O	wa	wæ	$\mathbf{w}\mathbf{e}$	yo	\mathbf{u}
wŏ	$\mathbf{w}\mathbf{e}$	\mathbf{wi}	yu	ŭ	йy	i

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go; proceed; travel; attend (some place)
a shop; a store
- be close, near
sometimes; now and then; occasionally
 teach; instruct (in); educate
a bag; a briefcase; a suitcase; a trunk
— be light
   a singer; a vocalist. \sim — a popular
     song singer
autumn; fall
   a family; a household; members of a
     family
most; extremely
a branch;
             a bough; a limb;
                                 a twig; a
     sprig
      (of) every kind and description.
     various; diverse; of all kinds (sorts).
           all sorts and conditions of peo-
     ple.
the ribs
  — change (one's clothes)
  thank you
potato(es)
 crispy fried potatoes, potato chips
pack (cigarettes)
 suddenly
                   be worth; be valuable;
1. value; worth
     be of value; be worthy 2. price; cost;
     charge
 go (and come back)
 — bring
 — (be) like; similar; be the same; (be)
     equal (to)
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1. like. A B

¹ an inlet; an estuary

like B. 2. together

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<sup>2</sup> a dog; a hound.
                    a male dog.
                                   a bitch.
        a stray dog.
                         keep a dog.
      dog barks.
           a piece; items, units, objects
      (counter).
                     three apples.
  a lid; a cover
 months (time or duration) (counter)
     — the beginning of school — \sim
      (school) begin
 there
  anxiety; concern; apprehension; worry;
      trouble; care; fear. \sim feel anxiety;
      be worried (about)
  1. a street; a road; a town; a quarter.
      2. distance
   health; \sim be healthy; well; sound
   the opposite side; the other side.
      across; opposite; on the opposite side
 involuntarily emitted semen
   a building; a structure
   a keyboard. \sim keyboard instruments
 1. roll [turn] up (one's sleeves); tuck up;
      fold up.
                       tuck [roll] up one's
      sleeves. 2. remove; take away; take
      down; pull down. 3. walk
   1. hang (from, on) 2. be against (a
      law); trespass (a law); be contrary
      to. 3. take (time)
  walk, go on foot
  walk, come on foot
  walking; stepping; a step; pace.
      step by step.
                          at a rapid pace;
      with a rapid step.
                               [ ] quicken
      [slacken] one's pace
  Let's walk now!
 winter; the winter season
 marriage; wedding; matrimony.
   economy.
                economics
  bill, check
  be, exist, stay (honorific)
 meat
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A is made exactly

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Korea University
                                               soldier, serviceman
  — be/feel thankful
  aunt (father's sister)
                                               bound volumes (counter)
  uncle (father's sister's husband)
                                               oyster
                                               cave
  golf
                                               exorcism
 () - play golf
                                               ear
                                               that NOUN
- place
                                               just, just (as one is), without doing any-
 ( ) - study
                                                    thing
  park
                                                even so, nevertheless
  notebook
                                                and so; and then; therefore
                                                (?) is that so? really? (that's so. really)
  decision
                                                so, what I mean to say is; so, what you're
    tank you
  school subject
                                                    saying is
  fruit
                                                then, in that case, if so
  Kwanghwamun, Kwanghwa Gate
                                                but; and then; by the way
 - be OK, be alright
                                               in that case; then
   you're welcome! or don't mention it!; it
                                                in that way, like that; so
       makes no difference, it doesn't mat-
                                                 but
       ter, it's okay. (Literally: it's one of
                                                and also; and then
       ten million (words)) — ,
                                               picture
       all, it's all right; no, thanks.
                                                day before yesterday
  - be quite something, be impressive
                                               theatre; cinema
  very, very much
                                               the area near, the vicinity
  professor
                                                I don't really know. Let me think
  classroom
                                               this year
  suburb(s)
                                                Friday
  teaching materials; textbook
                                                - wait
                                               feelings, mood
  exchange
                                                   - be in a bad mood
  switchboard, telephone, exchange opera-
       tor
                                               () - be in a good mood
   exchange student
                                                dormitory
  church (Protestant)
                                               train
 () - do viewing or sightsee
                                               road, way, street
 () - go viewing/sightseeing
  shoes
                                               - cut (hair), sharpen (pencil), mow (grass)
 soup
                                               sesame
  national (-ly) established
                                                neatly, cleanly
                                                - be clean
    a national university
  places, institutions (counter)
                                               without fail; be sure to
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flower(s)
- quit (smoking, drinking)
the end; the tip
- it stops, ends, finishes
- finishes it
- wear (gloves, ring)
- wear (lenses)
kimbap (rice/seaweed/vegetables)
kimchi (pickled spicy cabbage)

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( )- get/be better
- attend (church); go out
country, nation
tree
 be bad
 come out
age
 in the future, some time later, later
day
weather
 Great South Gate
 younger brother
brother and sister
man
  boyfriend
husband
daytime; noon
pay
next year
  go down
 come down
 descend
tomorrow
cold noodle dish
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ice water
  ice coffee
  too much so, too; very, to an excessive
      degree
 - put in, insert
yes
  tie, necktie
  ( ) is a person born in such-and-such a
      year
- - play
 song
  noræbang; Korean karaoke box
 notebook
paddy field
- put/place it
w- lie down
 who? (as subject)
 who? (non-subject)
 (boy's) older sister
 (boy's) older sister (honorific)
 snow
 eye
 the news
 New York
 always
- be late
 late (adv)
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all, everything
chicken (as meat)
- attend, go on a regular basis
- be different
NOUN (an)other NOUN(s)
leg
tea room, tabang
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after; adjacent, next to
- get hurt, injure oneself
- polish; brush (teeth)
- close it (
              closes it) (
                           closes it (plain
      style))
1 months (counter) 2 moon
 dollar (counter)
chicken (as a bird)
 chicken (as meat)
 cigarette(s)
vehicles, machines (counter)
  embassy
 four-year college
  university
house (honorific)
more
  thanks to NOUN; thanks to you
w- be hot
place
 a date
 () - have a date
degree of temperature
 library
 city
 - help
 () - arrive
 independence
 German language
 Germany
  German language
  a German
money
( ) - - costs money
 - goes back, returns there
 - die, pass away (honorific)
 - comes back, returns here
 neighborhood
  Greate East Gate
 younger brother or sister
 for the duration of, during, for (a week)
 it's OK; it'll do; it's acceptable; it works
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- become
 both, both of them
at the back; behind
- - costs (money)
-- lift; hold
    dry cleaning
- give (honorific)
- eat, drink (honorific)
- listen to; hear; take (courses)
 - go in, enters
 - come in, enter; return home
  ! come in! (Literally: please inter)
back, spine
 daughter (hon.)
daughter
time (when)
  because of, on account of
- leave, depart
moreover, what's more; (yet) again
  see you later! (polite style) (literally: see
      you again)
     see you later! (formal) (Explanation:
                   humbly see/meet. Liter-
        again,
      ally: I will humbly see you again.)
 - be bright, intelligent
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radio
lighter
Russia
Russian language
Russian person
London
restaurant
Korean mile (li) = 1/3 U.S. mile (counter)

the hving room (in an apartment)
animals, fish, birds (counter)
- drink
one's mind, spiritual center, heart
- finish it
- meet
nice to meet you; nice to see you; (lit-
erally: I meet you, so I am pleased)
comics, cartoons
- be much/many
a lot, much, lots (adverb)
horse
language; words, speech
() - obey (listen to words)
words, speech (humble or honorific equiv-
alent of)
- say (huble)
go ahead; please say what you have to
say
() - speak, talk
taste
- taste bad, no taste good
() - be tasty, delicious
- be right, correct; hit the mark
across/opposite from
- put on/wear (a tie)
- tie
w- be spicy
every day
ticket counter
beer
what?
- be distant, far
head; hair
() - be dumb

the living room (in an apartment)

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() - be bright/intelligent
- eat
- (w/) starch it
 first (or all), before anything else
 far
  from a distance
  comb
  daughter-in-law
persons, people (counter)
 namechard, business card
how many?; some/several
   ? what year were you born in?
   ? what year are you (in school)?
 all, everyone
 day after tomorrow
- not know
   I don't understand
 hat
throat
  Thursday
  I don't know
body
 1 pond 2 nail
- - bite
w- be heavy
    [ ] the national flower of Korea — the
      Rose of Sharon.
                             the beautiful
      land of Korea.
      Every year from June to October a pro-
      fusion of mugunghwa blossoms graces
      the entire country. Unlike most flowers,
      the mugunghwa is remarkably tena-
      cious and is able to withstand both
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blight and insects.



knee which?, what kind of? what? trade trading company door, gate problem water - ask goods of course . of course. what? America, USA person from USA, American Mrs, (before the name) Miss (before the name) - be sorry, feel sorry I'm sorry, excuse me (Literally: I feel uneasy) () (is) unmarried at the bottom, below, under(neath)



exchange, changeocean, seajust (below, above); straightbe busy

trousers Dr., Ph.D. outside half one's class, homeroom (finger)ring side dishes - receive, get foot toe night; evening chestnut cooked rice room just a moment ago, just now vacation field stomach () - (stomach) be full, sated - learn department store - throw it away bus times (counter) number already - take off (clothes) + **negative** (not) particularly bottle (counter) - look at, see - spend (time); send usually, normally corridor, hallway ballpoint pen spring paper bag (counter) - sing (a song) - be full (stomach) () parents kitchen

your/his wife

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rich person
                                                   1 your wife; somebody else's wife
                                                     (elegant/honorific) 2 Madam, Mrs;
  boots
                                                     one's teacher's wife (you can use it
 - post it, mail it
 () - make a request, ask a favor/errand
                                                     separately when speaking to/about
- esteemed people (counter)
                                                     your teacher's wife)
                                                office
- minutes (counter)
                                                fact; in fact
- person (honorific)
                                                in fact
  chalk
 1 fire; light; a light 2 U.S. dollars (counter)
                                                business
                                                son-in-law
  pulgogi
                                                between
  French language
                                                a Korean soft drink like Seven-up<sup>TM</sup>
  - be uncomfortable, inconvenient
                                                company president
 rain
                                                cousin
  pibimpap
                                                 cousin (boy's older female cousin)
 - be expensive
                                                  cousin (boy or girl's younger cousin )
  beach
                                                     (either gender)
  airplane
                                                 cousin (girl's older female cousin)
  building
                                                cousin (boy's older male cousin)
- comb
                                               mountain
  shaved ice, ice slush
                                               () - stroll, take a walk
 - be fast
                                               1 years of age (counter) 2 flesh
  quickly
                                                uncle (on father's side)
 bread
                                                () third-year student
  bakery
                                               table
  bus
                                                upper reaches of a river
 horn
                                                box, case, chest (counter)
                                                dawn
                                                shrimp
                                                shrimp chips
                                                 sandwich
                                                draft beer
- buy
                                                birthday (honorific)
- - live
                                                birthday
  apple
                                               - turn out a certain way
  people (counter)
                                                fresh cream
  person
                                                shirt, dress-shirt
 ( ) - love
                                              - stand
  private(-ly established)
                                                from (colloquial, means from the some-
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thing which is the place)

a private university

Sogang University	hello! (to someone working) Explana-
Seoul National University	tion: hard work, i.e., you're doing
bookstore	a great job)
missionary	class, lesson
present, gift	() - swim
teacher	swimming pool
teacher (honorific); Mr, Mister	Wednesday
dirty dishes	imported goods
() - wash the dishes	supermarket
diarrhea	homework, assignment
sugar	any alcoholic drink
tale, legend	bar, tavern, drinking establishment
surname	- rest
(your or his) esteemed surname	w- be easy
surname (honorific)	easily
match(es)	let's rest
church (Catholic)	scarf
laundry	skate(s)
() - do laundry, launder	ski(s)
laundromat, cleaners	() - ski
sweater, jumper	sports
() - introduce	1 o'clock (counter) 2 poem
() - be/get introduced	hours (counter); time — it's time
Korean rice vodka, soju	(to begin or stop) (Explanation: time;
inside	time (as subject); all, completely; it has
hand	become)
finger	watch
() granddaughter	countryside, the country
guest; customer	Silla (ancient Korean state)
grandson	downtown, city center
() grandchild(ren)	psychology
shopping	esteemed house/home of the parents-in-
spoon	law (for females)
towel	parents-in-law (for females)
hard work	father-in-law (woman's) (honorific)
goog-bye! (to someone working) (Expla-	father-in-law (woman's)
nation: hard work, i.e., keep up the	mother-in-law (woman's)
$good\ work)$	mother-in-law (woman's) (honorific)
thank you for helping me; well done!	() - begin
(Explanation: hard work, i.e., well	market
done)	city hall

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- order
 examination
  family members
  dining room, restaurant, cafeteria, refec-
  dining table, kitchen table
- wear (footwear)
 newspaper
   credit card
 shoes, footwear in general
  discourtesy
 discourtesy
     excuse me (for what I'm about to do).
       (Literally: I am about to commit a
       discourtesy)
   excuse me (for what I am doing). (Liter-
       ally: I am committing a discourtesy)
    excuse me (for what I did). (literally: I
       have committed a discourtesy)
  disappointment
  in fact
- be disliked, distasteful
 - dislike it
 - be bored
- want to
- cheap, inexpensive
 hulled rice
 - pours (rain)
- wear (glasses)
- wear (a hat)
- use it
- write
- 1 polite title for name 2 seed
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- - know it

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young lady; form of address for unmar-
     ried women
baby
a short while ago, just a moment ago
 or (sentence-initial), or (between nouns)
 no: it is not
 son (honorific)
son
below, lower, down, downstairs
 downstairs; the floor below
  part-time work for students
  () - do part-time work for students
maybe, probably, perhaps
 maybe, probably (more tentative)
  anything, anything at all
 father (honorific)
 father
child
  ice cream
 mister (any man old enough to be mar-
     ried); form of address
very
  ma'am (any woman old enough to be
     married)
 ma'am (casual for
(not) yet, still
morning; breakfast
- hurt, be painful
inside
glasses
  ? how are you?; hello! (literally: are you
     peaceful (well)?)
 in good health
    good-bye! (To one who is leaving. Lit-
     erally: go in peace (i.e., health))
    good-bye! (To one who is staying. Lit-
     erally: stay in peace (i.e., health))
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good night (honorific)

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it's no good; it won't do; it's not accept-
                                                about how much? approximately how
      able; it doesn't work
                                                   much?
 snacks to go with alcohol, food to go with
                                              ice
      alcoholic drinks
                                             - be nonexistent, not exist, not have
                                               does not exist, here is not, aren't
- sits
                                                rubbish, junk; something or someone
  please take a seat, sit down
                                                   cheap and shabby
  I understand
                                              to (to the place e.g., to go to the place)
  - understand, catch (something said)
                                              to (to the living thing e.g., to give some-
in front
                                                   thing to the living thing)
child
                                               from (from the living thing)
 baby
                                              from (place)
 baseball
                                                elevator, lift
 () - play baseball
                                             - - open it
medicine
                                              small hotel, inn
() - take (eat) medicine
 drugstore
                                                  say there! excuse me!
 () - get engaged
                                               younger sister
 fiancé(e)
                                              — several, various
 foreign cigarettes
                                              summer
 socks
                                               ! hello! hey there! excuse me! (hello on
 a suit
                                                   the telephone, or when peering into
 whiskey; western spirits
                                                   a dark house. Also means look here!
 talk, chat, story
                                              woman
 which? what kind of?
                                                girlfriend
 where?
                                              train station
 ? how is it? how about it?
                                            - /- years (counter)
 ? how? in what way?
                                              research
w- be difficult
                                              () - do research
- be young (a child)
                                               (professor's) office
  mother
                                              play, drama
  mother (honorific)
                                              postponement
   ! welcome! (Literally: come (in) right
                                              performance
      away!
                                              Yonsei University
 yesterday
                                              ( ) - get in touch, make contact
 older sister (girl's)
                                              age (honorific)
 when?
                                              pencil
                                              key
  sometime or other, at one time; some
                                               diligently
      time ago
                                              England
 how many? how much?
                                                English person
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consulate	cooking, cuisine		
please forgive me	() - cook		
English language	nowadays, these days		
movie, film	business, matter to take care of		
() - see a film	() - forgive		
movie actor	we, our		
next to, beside	umbrella		
yes	first of all, before anything else		
- pretty, cute	milk		
reservation	post office		
() - make a reservation	sports		
- come	() - do sports; exercise		
today	sports stadium		
orange juice	sneakers, tennis shoes		
- ascend, rise	- Korean monetary unit, won		
on the right	() month names (counter)		
on the right	Monday		
older brother (girl's)	above, over, on (top); upstairs		
morning, A.M.	whisky		
squid	upstairs, the floor above		
squid chips	() - retire		
afternoon, P.M.	bank		
jade	banker		
- go up	beverage, something to drink		
- come up	food		
clothes; garment	restaurant		
get, receive; I get letter(s) from	music		
my mother	concert		
shirt, dress shirt	doctor, physician		
wine	chair		
(?) why?	tooth, teeth		
the reason is; because	this		
diplomat	be (the same as, equal to) (copula)		
foreign country	Ewha Women's University		
a foreigner	in a while, a while later		
foreign language	in this way, like this		
uncle (on mother's side)	(given) name		
grandmother (on mother's side)	aunt (mother's sister)		
grandfather (on mother's side)	uncle (mother's sister's husband)		
on the left	NOUN this NOUN (week, month)		
on the left	- be stange, odd		

talk, chat, story () - talk, chat now (finally) () second-year student () - get divorced - portion (of food) ginseng ginseng wine now (finally) matter, business days (counter) () - work, do work Japan Japanese language person from Japan Japanese language - get up; stand up Sunday early (adv) () first-year student - read - wear; put on mouth - be, exist; stay; have it exists, there is/are - forget



sleep (sleeps)
 children (honorific)
 car, automobile
 materials (written)
cut
 sisters
 bicycle

children (honirific)

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- be little
 last year
    uncle (fater's younger brother)
 glass (to drink); cupfuls (counter)
 well; often
  It's going well. It's turning out well.
   - be handsome/good-looking (usually
       said of males)
      be handsome/good-looking (usually
       said of males)
     it's not going well
  ! good night (polite, but not honorific)
 - do well, do (it) well
 a short while, a moment
 a short while
 - eat (honorific)
 magazine
- flat objects (counter)
() - do grocery shopping
 gloves
 rainy season, seasonal rains
 () - rainy season sets in
 mother-in-law (man's)
 father-in-law (man's)
   father-in-law (man's) (elegant)
   parents-in-law (man's)
 jacket
  - be not interesting, boring
  - be interesting
    interestingly, in such a way that it is
       interesting
 tray (flat thing to carry dishes)
 yon, that (over there)
 over there
 ! hey there! (a bit brusque or even rude)
 evening; supper
  in that way
- are few
 one's major, specialization
 () - major in something
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often

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the whole thing, total
                                               a state, a province
  everyting, all of it
                                              - give
 earlier, before
                                               week (counter)
 telephone
                                               mainly, mostly, for the most part
 () - make a phone call
                                               state (-established), provincial(-ly estab-
 () -- make a phone call
                                                    lished)
 () - answer the phone
                                                 a state university
   telephone number
                                               weekend
 [not] at all
                                               - sleep (honorific)
- be young (but past puberty)
                                               () - order (at restaurant)
 lunch
                                                please give
 plate
                                               week (counter)
  chopsticks
                                                during the week, on week days
 () exactly at (a time)
  station/stop (train)
                                               middle, midway
  bus stop
                                                midway, in the middle
 () truly, really
                                               China
   ? really? is it true?
                                                Cinese language
 main gate (of a university)
                                                person from China
 ( ) passionate(ly)
                                               juice
 garden
                                               w- be enjoyable, pleasant, fun
 politics
                                                enjoyably
  political science
                                               now
 the most; number one
                                               past, last
 manufactured good(s)
                                              - get along
 a little
                                                subway, underground, metro
  grandparents
                                               rice, meal (honorific)
 nephew
                                                question
  niece
                                               house, home
 () - graduate
                                                my wife
 a little; please
                                              - salt ( is salty)
 paper
                                               jazz
- be good; be liked
                                              side, direction
- be good
             to like it (in the sense "love")
 -,
      Examples:
             I like this;
                              ? Do you like
      vegetables?
                              I like playing
      tennis
    I'm sorry, excuse me (literally: I feel
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car, vehicle

uneasy)

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tea
- wear (a watch)
- cold ( is cold)
 ticket (train, bus)
 - be good by nature; be a good boy (girl,
 truly, really (exclamation)
 vegetable(s)
 window
- look for; find
- withdraw (money) from; fetch (money)
 buildings (counter)
 book
 \operatorname{desk}
 the beginning; first time
       pleased to make your acquaintance
       (formal style) (Explanation:
       ginning, first time,
                                will humbly
       see/meet. (literally: I see you for the
       first time i.e., how do you do?)
 thousand
    you're welcome! or don't mention it!
       (Literally: it's one of ten million
       (words))
  slowly
 railway
 first
  jeans
 () - clean up
 () - invite someone
 () - be/get invited
- (a) second (counter)
w- be cold
() - dances (a dance)
 - get tipsy/drunk
- floors (of a building) (counter)
- strike, hit
- play (tennis, golf)
 skirt
 friend
 relative
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blackboard



digs out
Canada
a Canadian
campus
coffee
pair (of shois, etc.)
nose
comedy
coat
contact lenses
cola
be large
cream
uncle (father's elder brother)



add/put (sugar)
ride in, ride on
go (riding)
come (riding)
towel
mask
be born
tennis
() - play tennis
table
television
tomato juice

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Saturday
- get through to, make contact with
 () - get through to, make contact with
      on phone
- - sell it
  pounds (sterling) (counter)
 party
 arm
ballpoint pen
side, direction
 letter
- be comfortable; convenient
 comfortably; conveniently
ticket
- - solve it; undo it
 1 starch, glue 2 grass
() - starch it
  France
  French language
   person from France
 program (TV); pro (sports)
  nondairy creamer
  platform
- bloom, blossom
 - be tired
  piano
 () - play piano
- smoke
 pizza
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- do (
        does it (formal style))
 and
 school
 term, semester
- ( ) is a student in such-and-such a year
      or grade (at school)
 student
   student union (building)
 about, approximately
 Korea
  Korean language
   a Korean
  Korean language
  Korean Studies
 1 to (to the living thing e.g., to give some-
      thing to the living thing) 2 from
       (from the place) (colloquial)
  from (from the living thing)
  grandmother
  grandmother (honorific)
   grandfather (honorific)
   grandfather
  together
 rationality, reason
  hot dog
  always
 years (counter)
  hamburger
 bound for (a place). e.g.:
                                  a Tæjon
      train, train bound for Tæjon
 waist, lower back
 tongue
 older brother
 brothers (for males); brothers and sisters
 Australia
   an Australian
 hotel
 () alone, on one's own, by oneself
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black tea, English tea

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Hong Kong
person from Hong Kong
Tuesday
toilet, restroom, bathroom, washroom
company
company employee
conversation
after, later
tissue paper; toilet tissue, Kleenex<sup>TM</sup>
- be cloudy, overcast
- become/get cloudy
strength, energy
() -- be difficult, taxing (strength enters)
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