

OW TO USE THIS BOOK

To learn as much as you can with this textbook, we recommend that you follow this procedure for each of the chapters.

BOXED SUMMARIES—Look at the summary of the roundtable discussion under the picture at the beginning of the chapter. Spend a minute thinking about it. Try to imagine what the people around the table might say. Look at the second summary at the top of the following page. Imagine yourself doing each of the tasks.

LET'S START WITH YOU—Take a few minutes to record your opinions on each of the statements. This will give you an opportunity to think about the material you will read. You may be interested in looking at it again at the end of the semester to see whether your opinions have changed. Your instructor may also want you to turn in a copy of your responses, particularly if she or he is new to Korea.

LET'S LOOK AT KEY CONCEPTS—Many of the ideas in this book, particularly those introduced in the first two chapters, aren't easy to understand. You will probably find it very helpful to go over this section carefully. Read the definitions, learn the usage and connotation of each concept and do the exercises. This will prepare you for the reading to follow.

LET'S TEST OURSELVES—A comprehension quiz appears at the end of each key concepts section and at the end of the roundtable discussion. If you have no problem with the quiz, you should move on. If you are uncertain about one or more of your answers, you should go back and check.

LET'S TALK ABOUT KEY CONCEPTS IN REAL LIFE—This section shows you examples of misunderstandings that have actually arisen between Koreans and Westerners. You should use this section to think about what a Korean in this situation might think and what a Westerner might think.

LET'S JOIN THE ROUNDTABLE—The conversations at the coffee shop are fiction, but the stories the characters tell have all been taken from real people speaking from firsthand experience. As you read this section, you should look at the reading tasks and answer the questions. The questions will guide you to the important parts of the discussion.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT—Here you find discussion questions relating to the material. You give your own opinions and tell about your own experience. The questions may also refer you back to something in the roundtable discussion.

LET'S TAKE A SURVEY—There are two surveys for you to give people outside of class. A Korean translation will be provided. When you come back to class, you can then discuss your findings with your classmates.

LET'S ACT IT OUT—Many of the chapters contain role plays based on real-life conflicts. In class, your instructor may ask you to take a role and act it out with a partner, then switch roles. This will give you some practice in dealing with conflict in situations where you have to be polite—a difficult task in a foreign language.

LET'S LISTEN—Your instructor may have you listen to a tape of native English speakers acting out the situation in the role play you just did. This will give you practice in listening comprehension and also show you one way of handling the conflict situation.

LET'S LOOK AT WORDS—This section will give you the opportunity to practice working with the form and/or meaning of the words used in the chapter.

LET'S LOOK AT GRAMMAR—In traditional grammar textbooks, the grammar is based on written language with examples created to teach certain grammar points. In contrast, all of the grammar sections in this book are based on actual personal interviews—that is, on speech. Some of the grammar points you may not have studied before. Others may be presented to you in a more up-to-date fashion than you have seen in the past.

LET'S DO A CROSSWORD PUZZLE—The final section gives you an opportunity to test your understanding of the most important words in the chapter. The definitions are worded differently than those given at the beginning of the chapter. When presented as key concepts, the words were defined with help from the *Cambridge International Dictionary of English*. The crossword puzzle definitions were worked out with the *Collins Cobuild Dictionary of English on CD-ROM*.

THE FINAL CHAPTER—The ninth chapter of the volume is a roundtable discussion preceded by questions. We suggest that you read the questions and think about them as you read the text. Then respond in a paper of three to five pages.