



STORY LESSON PLAN



Educational Objectives

Title

Sejong the Great and Hunminjeongeum

Age

Children (Ages 6-9)

Topic

- **Goal** : Engage in the story of Sejong and understand the reason behind the creation of Hangeul.
- **Topic** : Love

keywords

Sejong, Hangeul, Hunminjeongeum, Reading, Book Reading, Joseon, Currency, 10,000 Won, King, Monarch

Korean Culture

- **Goal** : Develop an interest in Hangeul, created by King Sejong the Great.
- **Elements** : King Sejong the Great, Hangeul, Hunminjeongeum

Korean

- **Goal** : Learn and express opposite words.
- **Words** : 쉽다 (Easy), 어렵다 (Hard), 쉽지 않다 (Not Easy), 어렵지 않다 (Not Hard).
- **Expressions** : 배우기 어려웠어요. (It was hard to learn.)
쉽지 않았어요. (It was not easy.)
배우기 쉬웠어요. (It was easy to learn.)
어렵지 않았어요. (It was not hard.)



Storytelling Activity Content



Greetings

Put your hands on your belly button! Greetings!
Hello, everyone. I am OOO, "The Beautiful Story Grandma",
and I'm here to tell you an interesting story.



Understanding today's topic

The story that I will tell you today is, hey title, come
out, ttuk-ttak! "Sejong the Great and Hunminjeongeum".

Everyone, in some countries, remembers important people
by putting their pictures on money. Here, we have a 10,000
won note from our country. Do you know the name of the king
drawn on it? It's King Sejong, the Great. There's a big statue of
King Sejong in 'Gwanghwamun' Square in Seoul. What did King
Sejong do that makes people want to remember him so dearly?
Let's find out about today's story.



Start the story with a song

Let's dive into the story of "Sejong the Great and
Hunminjeongeum"!

♪ One, two, three, four! Let's begin the story! Let's all have a listen with
excitement. Are your ears perked up? Are your eyes sparkling?
One, two, three, four! We're off. Boom, boom!

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Story

A long, long time ago, there was a country called Joseon. In Joseon, there was a king who really loved reading books. He even read books while eating. This king enjoyed not only reading books but also had a strong interest in science, math and music. This king is known today as King Sejong the Great. This is the story of King Sejong the Great from the time when he was a young prince.

"Heaven Cheon, Earth Ji, Black Hyun....."

"A-ha, so this is how the character for 'heaven' looks. How interesting."

The prince happily learned the characters. The characters the prince learned were Chinese characters, called "Hanja". Hanja was made a long time ago in China, and neighboring countries used it too. Back then, to read a book, you had first to learn a thousand Chinese characters. The book for teaching a thousand characters is called 'the Thousand Character Classic. So, learning Hanja was really hard.

The prince worked hard at learning Hanja so he could read books. He read and read, sometimes, he read the same book a hundred times. He often stayed in to read instead of going outside to play. He even read books when he was sick.

"Cough, cough! Ouch, my head. It's spinning. But I want to finish the book I was reading yesterday."

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Story

The official who was looking after the sick prince was very worried. So, he ran to tell the king.

"What! The prince is reading books even when he's sick?"

The king got very angry. He was worried about the prince, who needed rest to get better but was only reading books.

"Go and take out all the books from the prince's room right away!"

The officials wrapped all the books in the prince's room in cloth and carried them away, except for a letter book stuck behind the folding screen. The prince found the book and read it over and over.

"It's necessary for everyone to write down what you want to say and send it to somebody! But Chinese characters are too hard. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone could read and write easily?"

Writing what you want to say in Chinese characters wasn't easy because Korean and Chinese languages were different. The busy farmers couldn't write because they didn't know the characters. The prince thought that he should create our own Korean letters that everyone could easily learn and use. But creating new letters was very hard. The prince didn't give up. He kept researching even after he became the king.

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Story

After a long time, King Sejong finally created new letters. "Everyone can learn these easily and use them conveniently. I will call these letters Hunminjeongeum."

King Sejong smiled. Hunminjeongeum means the Right sounds for teaching the people. This Hunminjeongeum is what we now call Hangeul. Hunminjeongeum had twenty-eight simple letters, but they could be used to write everything.

"I learned all the alphabets of Hunminjeongeum in just one day. Hunminjeongeum is really easy to learn."

"Wow, you learned it super-fast. I learned it all in ten days."

People were right, learning Hunminjeongeum wasn't hard.

"The chicken goes 'kokkio', and this is how you write it!"

"The wind goes 'hwik-hwik', and this is how you write it."

Like this, Hunminjeongeum could express all the sounds in the world.

Thanks to King Sejong, more and more people learned to read and write every day. They read books to learn lots of things and write down their thoughts to share with others. Whenever people used Hangeul, they remembered King Sejong who always thought about his people. Even after a long time, people in our country still love and respect King Sejong.

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Introducing Korean culture and language

Did you enjoy the story that Grandma shared?

What kind of letters are in Hunminjeongeum? Yes, there are twenty-eight simple letters, but you can write every word with them. They were also easy to learn, weren't they? "Easy" (swipda) and "hard" (eoryeopda) are opposites. But when we say, "not hard" (eoryeopji anta), it also means the opposite of "hard" (eoryeopda). Let's find and talk about opposite words with our family members.

Who made Hunminjeongeum?

Right, it was King Sejong. Hunminjeongeum can express all spoken words in letters. Our country celebrates the day Hunminjeongeum was proclaimed. That day is October 9th. Today, we call Hunminjeongeum 'Hangeul'. So, October 9th is called 'Hangeul Day.' On Hangeul Day, we hang the national flag to celebrate. If you're curious about King Sejong and Hunminjeongeum, check out the "Dorandoran Story Grandma's Bag of Stories" website for more details!

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Wrap up

Let's summarize the story of "Sejong the Great and Hunmin-jeongeum" with Grandma.

King Sejong thought if common people couldn't read, they might be in unfair situations or have hard times. So, he made easy-to-learn letters for everyone. This shows what a warm heart King Sejong had for his people.

Use the wonderful Hangeul that King Sejong made to express your feelings to family, friends, and teachers. Start your day by giving a letter filled with love and saying "gomawo" (thank you) and "saranghae" (I love you).



End the story with a song

Now, let's sing the farewell song as we say goodbye to Grandma. Here we go, begin!

♪ One, two, three, four! We've listened well. Our hearts have warmed.
Ears are perked, eyes are sparkling, great job. One, two, three, four!
Goodbye. Boom-boom!



Say Goodbye

Put your hands on your belly button! Say goodbye!
Everyone, see you next time with "The Beautiful Story Grandma." Goodbye!