

# ALTERNATIVE AND LIBERTARY EDUCATION



**“Learning Korean allows you to better understand the culture and the history of this nation. Knowledge generates understanding, respect and the sharing of values between peoples. Conflicts of human beings are thus avoided by creating bonds; it is the fundamental basis of understanding between totally different countries.”**

**Viviane Jamelin, former principal of Decrétot Louviers high school, Rouen Academy**

## Learn Korean?

### Broaden your vision of the 21st century

Nowadays, no matter where you meet in the world, all young people speaking a few Korean words have become trendy. Twenty-six Korean words such as daebak, mukbang and gimhap have recently been added as keywords to the Oxford English Dictionary in the UK. It is interpreted as a phenomenon that arose when the Korean language was exposed to English users around the world due to the success of *Hallyu* culture. In France, enrollment rates in certified Korean language departments of universities are 15 to 25 times higher this year.

### Is public education still the best?

**Progress is proportional to the motivation and efforts devoted by each.**

Today, everyone can follow personalized and distance courses in small groups on their smartphone via Zoom, Google, Kakao (like We Chat or Korean WhatsApp). This model could quickly replace private and freelance schools in the Edu industry. And for busy and compulsive workers, there are at least a dozen free apps to practice Korean.

### Become a Libertarian, Digital Nomad and WORLD SCHOOLING

There is a better way to educate our children. A viable solution offered to families looking for an alternative to the traditional education system. And the children's response is so amazing to watch. Mikkel, whom I met in Abu Dhabi in 2018 with his Chinese wife speaking basic Korean, sent me this article in December 2022:

*“When I was a kid, I was diagnosed with a learning disability. I remember I was in third grade and the teacher took me out of the classroom and made me sit in a small room. The principal, the vice-principal and the resource teacher, a whole group of teachers were there, and they sat me down and said:*

*'Mikkel, something is wrong with your brain and what we want to do is send you to a special school for special boys.' So that's what they did.*

*Every day for three years I got and took the little white bus across town and went to this special school. The only problem was that it was not a special school, it was an ordinary school with a special class. So you can probably imagine what happened...*

*I've had a lot of fights, I've been harassed and bullied and everything... Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying "I'm a victim, woe to me." Certainly not, I returned as much as I received. there is no doubt. I was hit, I fought back, and if I could, twice as hard. I'm not going to pretend otherwise.*

*But I went to that special school for three years and... absolutely hated it. It was the worst experience of my life. Government running public education was an absolute nightmare, but whatever, I've been there. Even though I hated my life, I went.*

*I passed 4th, 5th and 6th grade, then in 7th grade I was*

*finally able to go back to my neighborhood school... And all summer I thought about how I will miss my friends so much, they will have wondered where I've been for 3 years, how they will be so excited to see me, and you know, how amazing everything is going to be. But then again, you can imagine what happened. Again I started getting harassed and teased "Oh I remember Mikkel, he went to a school for retards". In the eighties, kids are so politically correct, so sensitive. You know how kids are... Well, I decided I really didn't like school. So I cut classes and I stopped going, then I failed and then they sent me to summer school and then I failed and somehow they pushed me to pass and then I failed the next year too.*

*To shorten it, at 12 I stopped going to school and at 15 I officially dropped out. I started traveling abroad soon after.*

*When I started traveling and meeting all these amazing people, I realized there was no one way to learn. In fact, there are many ways to learn things and experiencing and traveling can be an education in itself. So I believe it was also when I became a libertarian, when I was about 12 years old, even though I didn't know what the word libertarian was at the time, I knew there were huge problems with the system and I had gone through them myself.*

*Today, at almost 39 years old, I am very proud to have given up when I did. I think it took a lot of courage for me to stand up and say that's wrong. When I was 12, did I know what my future would entail and that I would be the champion of freedom?*

*Hell no, I had no idea. I was just a scared kid, but what I knew was that the school system was wrong, and I got up and did something.*

*Fast forward to today. I have been traveling for 21 years in a row. I've been around the world over 400 times. I've lived in nine different countries, I've been to 106 countries...107 actually in a few weeks, because we're going to Aruba for our wedding anniversary.*

*The thing is, I could see that public education was wrong nearly 30 years ago. It was wrong then, and it is wrong now. If anything happened, it got worse. »*

### Practice Korean while working, it is the most efficient!

During my 3 years military service in Korea, I learned French on my own with a book. Studying the pronunciation of French words and phrases alone may seem silly but in the years 1983-1985 there was no other opportunity in Korea. During my repeated oral exams for the Bachelor's degree at La Sorbonne, my archeology professor got angry: "Excuse me, but I didn't understand absolutely anything at all that you said... Start by deepening your French, have a correct pronunciation first of all. Without it you won't make any progress, and you won't get any grades. » Examinations repeated again the following two years.

I spent miserable sleepless nights preparing oral exams for all the summer and fall every year. After searching for my name on the results board in vain, I rushed up the stairs in terrible depression

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## NOS NATIONS

Two decades later living in Paris, I realized that I should have started studying French with... native French people. Korean has no tone, but my Paris-born children applaud me: "Daddy's voice is beautiful and it sounds so good to hear Korean"... I'm rewarded!

Just arrived in Paris in 1986, hired immediately to wash the dishes at the restaurant Tenho (current Hyang Ly, rue de Hanover) the owner ordered me an impossible mission to serve in the dining room from the second day. Because of my badly understood and badly spoken French my orders were so wrong! In one sleepless night, I learned by heart the entire list and details of the thirty starters-main courses-desserts in French on the menu. And the next day my room service changed completely. Progress in French by an impending assignment. Effective.

Practicing a living language by working rather than passively taking lessons is doubly advantageous and reassuring. But that your first Korean lessons absolutely take place with a native Korean speaker: the native voice is essential in order not to regret like me. All the apps in the world and all the Netflix dramas can't do it.

In Paris as in the provinces, around twenty churches and around thirty associations of Korean community are open to everyone and offer their services. Finally, traveling to Korea is the best way to progress in Korean... especially if you are accompanied by a native Korean.

***Onsaemi high school students do not go to school daily and instead travel...***

Ônomad, abbreviated from "Onsaemi Nomad" is a name inspired by Onsaemi high school, pure Korean meaning 'all nature as always without ever dividing and modifying', created by Principal Lee Chul-ho of Onsaemi High School, Busan, South Korea. High school students do not go to school every day but travel on foot through all the regions of Korea in the spring, then to India by minibus. Since 2013, during three months of the summer and always by minibus, 15-20 European countries are also traveled. The starting point is Paris. But depending on your availability, you could join the group at a stopping point in the provinces of France or in another European country..

Then Onsaemi students go to Southeast Asia, more precisely to Nepal in the Himalayas: the high school students of Onsaemi will be trekking there on the Anna Purna. A nomadic education that promotes Pungmulnori, traditional folk music, played in each town on the way to fund travel expenses.

"Freedom" of life-education, digital nomad, a new way of life inviting the practice of cultural exchanges with the countries where we pass: we do not live in a single nation but rather in the common basin of "our nations".

French high school students can be accommodated at the Onsaemi school, Busan in order to improve their Korean and prepare for a future installation in Korea. Less expensive price, rather the level of cultural exchanges, alternative and libertarian education: onomadclub@gmail.com



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