Vowel with sound	Romanization (do not use for determining sound)	Vowel letter	IPA (Int. phonetic alphabet; determines sound!)	As in the word:
아	a	ㅏ	/a:/	arm, father
야	ya	ㅑ	/ja:/	yahoo
어	eo	ㅓ	/ɒ/	orange, hot
여	yeo	ㅕ	/jɒ/	yacht
오	o	ㅗ	/ɔ:/	awesome, ball
요	yo	ㅛ	/jɔ:/	york
우	u	ㅜ	/u:/	moo
유	yu	ㅠ	/ju:/	you
으	eu	ㅡ	/ɯ/ --> /ɪ/**	sit **
이	i	ㅣ	/i:/	tree
애	ae	ㅐ	/ae/	apple
얘	yae	ㅒ	/jae/	yankee
에	e	ㅔ	/e/ --> /ae/	pet --> apple
예	ye	ㅖ	/je/ --> /jae/	yankee
와	wa	ㅘ	/wa:/	wah-wah pedal
왜	wae	ㅙ	/wae/	wax
외	oe	ㅚ	/wae/	wax
워	wo	ㅝ	/wɒ/	watch
웨	we	ㅞ	/we/ -->/wae/	wet --> wax
위	wi	ㅟ	/wi:/	we
의	ui	ㅢ	/ɯi/#	/u-i/ #

** This IPA sound (/ɯ/) doesn't exist in English. We will use /ɪ/ as in 'sit'. It is a close approx. (Note: In IPA 'j'=y sound). # This sound also does not exist in English. It's /u - i/ said together quickly. Colons (are used in IPA to indicate a long sound) are missing to indicate a shorter sound. **Note 1:** Some books will say that,

1. 'ㅓ' is the /ə/ (uh) sound. Correct if American but for British (or kiwi) /ɒ/ (orange) is the better sound.

2. 'ㅗ' is o in 'no'. However, Korean basic vowels are pure sounds ie monopthongs, yet the 'o' in 'no' is the dipthong /əʊ /! The much more correct sound is /ɔ:/.

Note 2: To get the correct colour in the sound of 'ㅗ', 'ㅛ', 'ㅜ', 'ㅠ', you must have trumpet shaped lips.

Note 3: When a 'w' vowel is formed the horizontal vowel takes height priority and any left side arms on vertical vowels slide down to make way for it. **Finally**: Remember these above sounds are only our best approximations to the Korean sound. You can learn them in 30 mins but to master them it will take a lifetime!