

## **Korean Through Folktales - Created by KyungAh Yoon**

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### **Comprehensiveness rating: 3**

The text offers four chapters of famous Korean folktales. Each chapter/folktale thoroughly covers both linguistic and cultural aspects including vocabulary, exercises, tasks, main idea/theme, and cultural values. The inclusion of an index and/or glossary can strengthen the comprehensiveness of the text.

### **Content Accuracy rating: 4**

Content is accurate and appropriate.

### **Relevance Longevity rating: 4**

The text was written for Korean courses at Portland State University but can be used for any Korean learners at elementary, intermediate and advanced levels. The text deals with classic folktales that have been handed down for centuries and will last for ages. The text includes links to videos on the Internet which can change or disappear in time but these links can easily be updated or replaced. Overall, the text is written in a timeless manner and will be of much use to learners/readers for years.

### **Clarity rating: 4**

Culturally loaded terms/words are explained effectively using videos, which makes it easy for learners to understand and visualize them. In addition, the text offers clear and detailed explanations on key linguistic forms with relevant examples.

### **Consistency rating: 4**

There is a consistency in the organization and presentation of content throughout the book. Each chapter is presented with introduction, warm-up activities, the story in three versions according to Korean proficiency levels, followed by grammar explanations, exercise questions, and writing/discussion tasks.

### **Modularity, rating: 4**

The text has highly modularity. Each chapter consists of several small sections. According to instructional needs and goals, the use or time allocation of these sections can be flexibly arranged or adjusted.

**Organization Structure Flow, rating: 4**

The content in the text are presented in a pedagogically sound manner starting with receptive information and warm-up activities that help learners prepare for the main story, moving on to specific linguistic forms, and ending with activities of productive skills such as writing and discussion.

**Interface, rating: 4**

The text does not pose any problems for navigation or reading of images/charts. There is no display features that distract or confuse the learner.

**Grammatical Errors, rating: 4**

No grammatical errors were noticed.

**Cultural Relevance rating: 4**

The text focuses on cultural aspects of Korea embedded in Korean traditional folktales. However, the values and lessons communicated in the folktales are relevant to any culture or society. The text contains no culturally insensitive topics or content.