

# Sounds of Korean English

Eunhee Kim  
Korea University

# The different sound system

- \* Among English fricative sounds, only two sounds exist in Korean  
→ /s/ and /h/
- \* Koreans often substitute the non-existing sounds with our own sounds.

- How Korean people pronounce the non-existing fricative sounds in Korean when speaking English?

1. /f/ → /p/

ex1) Her boyfriend is very rude.

‘boyfriend’ → ‘boyfriend’

ex2) I’d love to drink a cup of coffee.

‘coffee’ → ‘coppee’

## 2. /θ/ → /s/ or /t/

ex1) I think you're enough to do.

θink → sink

ex2) Thank you for your support.

θank → sank

## 4. /l/ → /r/

ex1) in a dialogue

→ ‘right’ and ‘light’ are pronounced the same when Koreans pronounce them.



# Conclusions

in terms of different sound system

1. Misunderstanding
2. Substitution of similar sounds
3. The native language influences