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Level 2 – 22nd December 2022

South Koreans to become a year or two younger

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A law in South Korea will make people a year or two younger. The law was passed last Thursday. Before then, there were three ways people could tell their age. South Koreans had three ages. One was an "international age". This is how most people in the world calculate their age. A baby becomes one year old a year after it is born. The second was a "Korean age" - babies are a year old on the day they are born, and then a year is added every January the 1st. The third method was a "calendar age". Babies are zero years old at birth, and a year is added to their age every January the 1st.

The new law makes age in Korea simpler. It will end confusion about how old people are. From June, all official documents will use the international age. This will be the legal age for drinking, getting married, smoking, and military service. It will help to end the problems of the old system. However, some people will use the Korean age in informal situations. A Twitter user was happy with the simpler law. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger....I turned two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my real age back."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. make people a year | a. January the 1st |
| 2. three ways people could tell | b. calculate their age |
| 3. how most people in the world | c. at birth |
| 4. babies are a year old on the | d. or two younger |
| 5. a year is added every | e. to their age |
| 6. The third method was | f. their age |
| 7. Babies are zero years old | g. a "calendar age" |
| 8. a year is added | h. day they are born |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The new law makes age | a. two weeks after |
| 2. It will end | b. age for drinking |
| 3. all official | c. my real age back |
| 4. This will be the legal | d. situations |
| 5. getting | e. confusion |
| 6. in informal | f. in Korea simpler |
| 7. I turned two years old | g. married |
| 8. I'm about to get | h. documents |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A law in South Korea will make (1) _____ or two younger. The law (2) _____ Thursday. Before then, there were three ways people could tell their age. South Koreans (3) _____. One was an "international age". This (4) _____ people in the world calculate their age. A baby becomes one year old a year after it is born. The second was a "Korean age" - babies are a year old on the day (5) _____, and then a year is added every January the 1st. The third method was a "calendar age". Babies are zero years old at birth, and a (6) _____ to their age every January the 1st.

The new law makes age in Korea simpler. It (7) _____ about how old people are. From June, all (8) _____ use the international age. This will be the legal age for drinking, getting married, smoking, and military service. It will help to (9) _____ of the old system. However, some people will use the Korean (10) _____ situations. A Twitter user was happy with (11) _____. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger....I turned two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BEING YOUNGER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about being younger in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **being younger** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
