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Level 1

Two Koreas to share flag for Winter Olympics

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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South and North Korea will use the same flag at the Winter Olympics. The Olympics are in February. They are in the South Korean city of PyeongChang. People were worried because tensions between the two countries are high. North Korea has tested many missiles. However, both countries decided to use a "unified Korea" flag. There will also be a joint ice hockey team. This might improve relations between the two countries.

The better relations could bring peace talks. The Koreas have been divided since the 1950-53 Korean War. The Winter Olympics could help to bring peace. A cross-border road will open for the first time in two years. Not all Koreans are happy with this news. Thousands of people asked South Korea's president to forget about the plan. South Korea's hockey coach said a united hockey team could damage South Korea's chances of winning an Olympic medal.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. use | a. countries are high |
| 2. People were | b. ice hockey team |
| 3. tensions between the two | c. many missiles |
| 4. North Korea has tested | d. flag |
| 5. both countries | e. the two countries |
| 6. use a "unified Korea" | f. worried |
| 7. There will also be a joint | g. decided |
| 8. improve relations between | h. the same flag |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. better | a. the 1950-53 |
| 2. bring peace | b. the plan |
| 3. divided since | c. talks |
| 4. A cross-border | d. in two years |
| 5. open for the first time | e. relations |
| 6. happy with this | f. an Olympic medal |
| 7. forget about | g. road |
| 8. chances of winning | h. news |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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South and North Korea will (1) _____ flag at the Winter Olympics. The Olympics are in February. They are in the South Korean city of PyeongChang. (2) _____ because tensions between the two (3) _____. North Korea has (4) _____. However, both countries (5) _____ a "unified Korea" flag. There will also be a joint ice hockey team. This might (6) _____ between the two countries.

The better relations could (7) _____. The Koreans have been (8) _____ 1950-53 Korean War. The Winter Olympics could help to bring peace. A (9) _____ will open for the first time in two years. Not all Koreans are happy (10) _____. Thousands of people asked South Korea's president to forget (11) _____. South Korea's hockey coach said a united hockey team could damage South Korea's (12) _____ an Olympic medal.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WINTER OLYMPICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180120-winter-olympics-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Winter Olympics 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) _____

