

Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un to meet

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The leaders of the USA and North Korea are set to meet for the first time ever. A historic summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and Supreme Leader of North Korea Kim Jong-un will take place at an as yet undisclosed location

by May. The two leaders will discuss North Korea's denuclearization. US Vice-President Mike Pence said American diplomacy had brought North Korea to the negotiating table. He said: "It is evidence that President Trump's strategy to isolate the Kim regime is working." North Korea's ambassador to the UN hailed the "courageous decision" of Mr Kim for bringing about the meeting. He said Kim would help secure "peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and the East Asia region".

World leaders welcomed the upcoming inaugural meeting. Such unprecedented talks seemed unlikely a few months ago, when the two leaders were hurling insults at each other. It could be a sign that one-time enemies could now be "frenemies". South Korea's President Moon Jae-in said the meeting was "like a miracle". He said there would be obstacles ahead, but the talks were a key step towards denuclearization. He added: "The May meeting will be recorded as a historic milestone in achieving peace on the Korean Peninsula." China's President Xi Jinping telephoned Mr Trump to welcome the development. He advised both sides to proceed with caution so as not to impede improving relations.

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Writing

What three things must happen for talks to succeed? Will they happen? Why (not)?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

leaders / USA / North Korea / historic / summit / denuclearization / diplomacy / peace / unprecedented / insults / enemies / frenemies / obstacles / milestone / caution

True / False

- The leaders of the USA and North Korea have never met before. T / F
- The meeting will take place in early June. T / F
- North Korea's leader said Trump's diplomacy brought him to the talks. T / F
- An ambassador said Mr Kim would bring stability to East Asia. T / F
- A few months ago, the two leaders were trading insults. T / F
- It is possible the two leaders could become frenemies. T / F
- South Korea's leader likened the summit to a miracle. T / F
- China's leader advised both sides not to be cautious. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. set | a. throwing |
| 2. location | b. plan |
| 3. negotiating | c. landmark |
| 4. strategy | d. imminent |
| 5. secure | e. discussion |
| 6. upcoming | f. hurdles |
| 7. hurling | g. ready |
| 8. obstacles | h. hinder |
| 9. milestone | i. obtain |
| 10. impede | j. place |

Discussion – Student A

- What brought about these talks?
- What do you know about North Korea's leader?
- How historic is this summit?
- Where do you think the meeting should take place?
- What do you know about North Korean-US relations?
- How "courageous" is the decision to meet?
- What questions would you like to ask President Trump?
- What advice do you have for President Trump?

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Phrase Match

1. A historic
 2. brought North Korea to the negotiating
 3. Trump's strategy to isolate the Kim
 4. the UN hailed
 5. peace and stability in the
 6. the two leaders were hurling insults
 7. there would be obstacles
 8. a key step towards
 9. recorded as a
 10. proceed with caution so as not to impede
- a. Korean peninsula
 - b. improving relations
 - c. denuclearization
 - d. summit
 - e. regime
 - f. historic milestone
 - g. table
 - h. at each other
 - i. the courageous decision
 - j. ahead

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How do you think the two leaders will get on?
- c) Can the two leaders become friends?
- d) What are the similarities between Mr Trump and Mr Kim?
- e) What are the differences between Mr Trump and Mr Kim?
- f) What do you think the outcome of the talks will be?
- g) What advice do you have for Kim Jong-un?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Kim Jong-un?

Spelling

1. A historic ummsit
2. an as yet niscuodesd location
3. American pdmolaicy
4. the UN hailed the "urgaceouos decision"
5. help secure peace and aibtlstiy
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7. welcomed the upcoming nagiruual
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12. so as not to mpeide improving relations

Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. j	3. e	4. b	5. i
6. d	7. a	8. f	9. c	10. h

Role Play

Role A – The White House

You think the White House is the best place for the summit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Pyongyang, Seoul or Beijing.

Role B – Pyongyang

You think Pyongyang is the best place for the summit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the White House, Seoul or Beijing.

Role C – Seoul

You think Seoul is the best place for the summit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Pyongyang, the White House or Beijing.

Role D – Beijing

You think Beijing is the best place for the summit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Pyongyang, Seoul or the White House.

Speaking – Location

Rank these with your partner. Put the best place for the two leaders to meet at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Moscow
- Tahiti
- Switzerland
- Tokyo
- The White House
- Pyongyang
- Seoul
- Beijing

Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.