

Cold noodles help nuclear-free Korea talks

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Historic talks have taken place between the leaders of North and South Korea, aided by the dish of cold noodles. North Korea's Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un

and South Korea's President Moon Jae-in discussed a whole range of bilateral issues, including the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Cold noodles ensured the talks were conducted in a jovial manner. After Kim Jong-un made history by becoming the first North Korean leader to cross the border and step foot in the South, he joked about his gift of cold noodles for his counterpart. Long queues formed outside cold noodle shops in Seoul. On social media, the term "cold noodles" was trending higher than "North Korea-South Korea summit".

World leaders were optimistic on Friday that the summit would lead to peace between the two Koreas. The two countries are technically still at war, having never signed a peace treaty since the end of the Korean War in 1953. China praised the Korean leaders for their "political courage". It welcomed their joint declaration vowing to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula and seek a peace treaty. China's foreign ministry called the handshake on the border between the leaders a "historic moment". Many families either side of the border were separated by the Korean War. They are now hopeful that better relations between their two countries will allow them to reunite with family members after decades of separation.

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Writing

Cold noodles are better than hot noodles. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

historic / talks / dish / noodles / denuclearization / manner / border / queues / summit / optimistic / peace / treaty / Korean War / courage / handshake / leaders / separation

True / False

- The article described the talks as being "prehistoric". T / F
- The leaders talked about many issues of bilateral concern. T / F
- Kim Jong-un became the second N. Korean leader to stand in S. Korea. T / F
- The term "cold noodles" trended on social media during the summit. T / F
- North and South Korea technically are still at war. T / F
- China said the Korean leaders showed "political courage". T / F
- The summit separated more Korean families across the border. T / F
- There is little hope that families divided for decades will be reunited. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. whole | a. interaction |
| 2. issues | b. entire |
| 3. manner | c. hopeful |
| 4. term | d. matters |
| 5. summit | e. way |
| 6. optimistic | f. bravery |
| 7. technically | g. divided |
| 8. courage | h. meeting |
| 9. separated | i. strictly speaking |
| 10. relations | j. phrase |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- Which are better - cold or hot noodles?
- What do you know about Kim Jong-un?
- What advice do you have for Moon Jae-in?
- What will signing a peace treaty change between the two Koreas?
- What are the benefits of Korean unification?
- What will happen in the Koreas over the next year?
- What questions would you like to ask the two leaders?

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Phrase Match

- Historic talks have taken
- aided by the dish
- the denuclearization of
- the talks were conducted in a
- cross the border and step
- World leaders were optimistic
- The two countries are technically
- signed a peace
- China's foreign
- allow them to reunite
- the Korean Peninsular
- treaty
- foot in the South
- with family members
- still at war
- place
- jovial manner
- ministry
- of cold noodles
- on Friday

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of cold noodles?
- What do you know about relations between the Koreas?
- How historic are the talks between the two leaders?
- What are the chances of North Korea going nuclear-free?
- What do you think of Kim Jong-un giving a gift of cold noodles?
- How significant was it that Kim Jong-un stepped into South Korea?
- What bilateral issues do the two leaders need to talk about?
- What advice do you have for Kim Jong-un?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Instant Noodles

You think instant noodles are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their noodles. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): ramen, fried noodles or cold noodles.

Role B – Ramen

You think ramen is the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their noodles. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): instant noodles, fried noodles or cold noodles.

Role C – Fried Noodles

You think fried noodles are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their noodles. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): ramen, instant noodles or cold noodles.

Role D – Cold Noodles

You think cold noodles are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their noodles. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): ramen, fried noodles or instant noodles.

Speaking – Noodles

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- noodle soup
- noodle salad
- soba
- cold noodles
- instant noodles
- ramen
- fried noodles
- boiled noodles

Answers – True False

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