

Trump and Kim Jong-un could get the Nobel Peace Prize

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U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un could be in line for a Nobel Peace Prize. The two leaders have a chance of winning the award after their historic meeting in Singapore on

Tuesday. Betting companies have cut their odds on one or both of them getting the prestigious prize. President Trump is now 2/1 to get it, either alone or as part of a team. North Korea giving up its nuclear weapons and the USA stopping its "war games" with South Korea would definitely make the world a safer place. Asle Sveen, a Nobel Prize historian, said: "If [there was] real disarmament on the Korean peninsula, it would be very difficult to not award them the prize."

The historic meeting between President Trump and Chairman Kim will go down in history as a key event of the early twenty-first century. It was the first time ever that a sitting U.S. President and a North Korean leader have met. The two men shook hands, met in private, had lunch together, and signed an agreement that promised a better future together. Some people say the two leaders do not deserve the prize. They say that the world is less secure because President Trump withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement and destabilized the Iran nuclear deal. The critics also point to human rights issues in North Korea. Other people say South Korean President Moon Jae-in deserves the prize.

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Writing

What are the reasons for and against Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un getting a Nobel Peace Prize?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

leader / chance / award / betting / team / weapons / war games / historian / real / historic / key / twenty-first century / shake hands / secure / climate / Iran / rights

True / False

- a) Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un are on a Nobel Peace Prize shortlist. T / F
- b) Kim Jong-un is 2/1 with betting companies of winning the Nobel Prize. T / F
- c) Betting companies have stopped taking bets on the Nobel Peace Prize. T / F
- d) A historian said peace would mean the two leaders must get the prize. T / F
- e) A U.S. President and North Korean leader had never met before. T / F
- f) Critics say Donald Trump has made the world less safe. T / F
- g) Critics said human rights might make it difficult for Kim Jong-un to win. T / F
- h) Kim Jong-un said he wants South Korea's leader to win the prize. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. chance | a. surely |
| 2. historic | b. safe |
| 3. prestigious | c. give |
| 4. definitely | d. important |
| 5. award | e. deal |
| 6. event | f. merit |
| 7. agreement | g. opportunity |
| 8. deserve | h. matters |
| 9. secure | i. respected |
| 10. issues | j. happening |

Discussion – Student A

- a) Should the two leaders win the Nobel Peace Prize?
- b) How would you feel if they won the prize?
- c) How great would it be if North Korea denuclearized?
- d) What do you think of the two leaders?
- e) Should the "war games" on the Korean Peninsular end?
- f) How will US-North Korea relations go from here?
- g) Who would you give the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize to?
- h) Has Donald Trump made the world a safer place?

Phrase Match

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| 1. be in | a. meeting in Singapore |
| 2. The two leaders have a chance | b. hands |
| 3. after their historic | c. prize |
| 4. getting the prestigious | d. history as a key event |
| 5. real disarmament on the Korean | e. rights issues |
| 6. go down in | f. line for a Nobel Peace Prize |
| 7. a sitting | g. secure |
| 8. The two men shook | h. peninsula |
| 9. the world is less | i. of winning |
| 10. The critics also point to human | j. U.S. President |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What advice do you have for President Trump?
- What advice do you have for Chairman Kim?
- How important will the two leaders' meeting be in history?
- How similar and different are President Trump and Chairman Kim?
- What did you think of the meeting in Singapore?
- Should South Korean President Moon Jae-in get the prize?
- What questions would you like to ask the two leaders?

Spelling

- have a ehccna of winning
- bttnegj companies have cut their odds
- eitreh alone or as part of a team
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- the world is less sreuce
- siitrcc also point to human rights issues

Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – Donald Trump

You think Donald Trump is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Kim Jong-un, Angela Merkel or King Mswati III.

Role B – Kim Jong-un

You think Kim Jong-un is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Donald Trump, Angela Merkel or King Mswati III.

Role C – Angela Merkel

You think Angela Merkel is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Kim Jong-un, Donald Trump or King Mswati III.

Role D – King Mswati III

You think King Mswati III is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Kim Jong-un, Angela Merkel or Donald Trump.

Speaking – World Leaders

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

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| • King Abdullah II | • Donald Trump |
| • Nicolas Maduro | • Kim Jong-un |
| • Angela Merkel | • Vladimir Putin |
| • King Mswati III | • Xi Jinping |

Answers – True False

a	F	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.