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**Level 2 – 3rd December, 2020**

## **S.Korea, China clash on social media over kimchi**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201203-kimchi-2.html>

China and South Korea are arguing over a savoury pickled cabbage dish called kimchi. China wants an international certificate for its dish pao cai, also a savoury vegetable dish. However, South Korea is angry about this. They say pao cai is too much like kimchi - perhaps the most famous food in South Korea. Kimchi is a staple food in Korea. It is a traditional dish of fermented vegetables, such as cabbage and radish. It uses a variety of seasonings, like chilli powder, spring onions, garlic, ginger, and salted seafood. Pao cai is a pickle, usually made using cabbage, mustard, peppers and ginger.

China says it has a certification from the International Organization for Standardization for its kimchi making process. South Korean officials say pao cai, "has nothing to do with kimchi" and "that pao cai is different from kimchi." Koreans are angry that China is trying to claim the standard for the kimchi-making process. A professor in Korea said: "China lacks efforts to understand the culture...of surrounding nations." On social media in China, people said most kimchi eaten in South Korea is made in China. One person wrote: "Even the pronunciation of kimchi originated from Chinese."

Sources: <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20201130000660>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201203-kimchi-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. China and South Korea        | a. using cabbage        |
| 2. a savoury pickled cabbage    | b. about this           |
| 3. South Korea is angry         | c. food in Korea        |
| 4. They say pao cai is too much | d. are arguing          |
| 5. Kimchi is a staple           | e. fermented vegetables |
| 6. a traditional dish of        | f. of seasonings        |
| 7. It uses a variety            | g. dish called kimchi   |
| 8. usually made                 | h. like kimchi          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. China says it has a   | a. claim the standard |
| 2. its kimchi making     | b. from kimchi        |
| 3. pao cai has nothing   | c. in South Korea     |
| 4. pao cai is different  | d. process            |
| 5. China is trying to    | e. of kimchi          |
| 6. efforts to understand | f. to do with kimchi  |
| 7. most kimchi eaten     | g. the culture        |
| 8. the pronunciation     | h. certification      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China and South Korea (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a savoury pickled cabbage dish called kimchi. China wants an international certificate for its dish pao cai, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ vegetable dish. However, South Korea (3) \_\_\_\_\_ this. They say pao cai is too much like kimchi - perhaps the most famous food in South Korea. Kimchi is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in Korea. It is a traditional dish of fermented vegetables, such as cabbage and radish. It uses (5) \_\_\_\_\_ seasonings, like chilli powder, spring onions, garlic, ginger, and salted seafood. Pao cai is a pickle, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ cabbage, mustard, peppers and ginger.

China says it has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the International Organization for Standardization for its (8) \_\_\_\_\_. South Korean officials say pao cai, "has (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with kimchi" and "that pao cai is different from kimchi." Koreans are angry that China (10) \_\_\_\_\_ claim the standard for the kimchi-making process. A professor in Korea said: "China lacks (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the culture...of surrounding nations." On social media in China, people said most kimchi eaten in South Korea is made in China. One person wrote: "Even (12) \_\_\_\_\_ kimchi originated from Chinese."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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China and South Korea are arguing over a savoury pickled cabbage dish called kimchi. China wants an international certificate for its dish paocai, also a savoury vegetable dish. However, South Korea is angry about this. They say paocai is too much like kimchi - perhaps the most famous food in South Korea. Kimchi is a staple food in Korea. It is a traditional dish of fermented vegetables, such as cabbage and radish. It uses a variety of seasonings, like chilli powder, spring onions, garlic, ginger, and salted seafood. Paocai is a pickle, usually made using cabbage, mustard, peppers and ginger. China says it has a certification from the International Organization for Standardization for its kimchi-making process. South Korean officials say paocai, "has nothing to do with kimchi" and "that paocai is different from kimchi." Koreans are angry that China is trying to claim the standard for the kimchi-making process. A professor in Korea said: "China lacks effort to understand the culture... of surrounding nations." On social media in China, people said most kimchi eaten in South Korea is made in China. One person wrote: "Even the pronunciation of kimchi originated from Chinese."

# KIMCHI SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201203-kimchi-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about kimchi 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) \_\_\_\_\_

