

Historic meeting between the presidents of North and South Korea

Elementary

1 Warmer

Match the countries with their leaders.

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. South Korea | a. Vladimir Putin |
| 2. the USA | b. Xi Jinping |
| 3. Russia | c. Kim Jong-un |
| 4. China | d. Shinzo Abe |
| 5. North Korea | e. Donald Trump |
| 6. Japan | f. Moon Jae-in |

2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

relatives

divide

relations

peninsula

peace treaty

zones

1. A _____ is a long piece of land that has the sea on three sides. (para 1)
2. If you _____ something, you make it into smaller parts. (para 1)
3. If countries sign a _____, they agree not to fight anymore. (para 1)
4. _____ is the way two countries behave towards each other. (para 1)
5. Your _____ are the people in your family. (para 1)
6. The world is divided into different time _____. (para 4)

3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. When did the Korean War start?
2. How long did the Korean War last?
3. How many people died?
4. When did Kim Jong-un become leader of North Korea?
5. When did the leaders of the two countries meet?
6. What did North Korea decide to change?

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7 June, 2018

- 1 At the end of the Second World War in 1945, Japanese control in Korea ended and the Korean Peninsula was divided into two countries – North Korea and South Korea. On 25 June, 1950, North Korea attacked South Korea and the Korean War began. The war lasted for three years and more than one million people died. The two countries did not sign a peace treaty at the end of the war and for the next 75 years, relations between the two countries were very bad. Many families were divided by the war and people who lived in one country could not visit their relatives in the other country.
- 2 Kim Jong-un became leader of North Korea in 2011 and for the next few years, nothing changed. In fact, relations between the two countries became even worse as North Korea began to make nuclear weapons.
- 3 Then, in April 2018, there was an important meeting between the leaders of the two countries. Kim Jong-un met the South Korean President, Moon Jae-in. The two leaders shook hands and smiled.
- 4 The two leaders said that their discussions were very positive and they made plans to meet again. A few days later, North Korea decided to change its time zone. At the moment, North Korean time is 30 minutes earlier than South Korean time but soon both time zones will be the same. Perhaps, this is a sign of a better future for the two countries. People hope that American President, Donald Trump, will also meet Kim Jong-un. People hope that after their discussions, North Korea will agree to stop making nuclear weapons.

4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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| 1. For 75 years, relations between North Korea and South Korea ... | a. ... when North Korea started making nuclear weapons. |
| 2. People who lived in South Korea could ... | b. ... shook hands. |
| 3. Relations between the two countries got worse ... | c. ... not visit their relatives in North Korea. |
| 4. The two leaders smiled and ... | d. ... their discussions were very positive. |
| 5. The two leaders agreed that ... | e. ... so that it is the same as the time zone in South Korea. |
| 6. North Korea has decided to change its time zone ... | f. ... were very bad. |

5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. the of war the end at
2. five next for seventy- years the
3. days few later a
4. the between countries relations two

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6 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make expressions from the text.

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| 1. shake | a. weapons |
| 2. peace | b. future |
| 3. nuclear | c. hands |
| 4. better | d. treaty |

7 Word stress

Put these words from the text into two groups according to their word stress.

treaty

control

decide

meeting

divide

million

| A 0 o | B o 0 |
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8 Discussion

- Do you think the world will become more peaceful? Why? Why not?

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1. f
2. e
3. a
4. b
5. c
6. d

2 Key words

1. peninsula
2. divide
3. peace treaty
4. relations
5. relatives
6. zones

3 Find the information

1. 25 June, 1950
2. three years
3. more than one million
4. 2011
5. April, 2018
6. its time zone

4 Comprehension check

1. f
2. c
3. a
4. b
5. d
6. e

5 Chunks

1. at the end of the war
2. for the next seventy-five years
3. a few days later
4. relations between the two countries

6 Two-word phrases

1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b

7 Word stress

| A 0 0 | B 0 0 |
|---------|---------|
| treaty | control |
| meeting | decide |
| million | divide |