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New North Korea leader mourns his father

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong-un, has appeared on television mourning his father. TV channels showed Kim Jong-un leading a group of mourners to the Kumsusan Memorial Palace in Pyongyang. The body of his father Kim Jong-il has been laid out in a glass coffin inside the palace. He died suddenly from a heart attack on Saturday morning. National television called Kim Jong-un, who is 27 or 28, "a great person born of heaven". They also said their new leader was "the outstanding leader of the party, military and people."

Little is known about Kim Jong-un. Korean Central Television say his "thoughts are exactly the same as those of [his father] the Dear General". He went to school in Switzerland and people say he loves the basketball star Michael Jordan. He is the youngest of Kim Jong-il's three sons. The North Korean government decided in 2009 that he would be the country's next leader. He is now head of a nation where 24 million people do not have enough to eat. His country does not have enough food to feed its people, but has nuclear weapons.

PHRASE MATCH

From: http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1112/111221-kim_jong_un.html

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. appeared on television mourning | a. of mourners |
| 2. leading a group | b. attack |
| 3. laid out in a glass | c. of the party |
| 4. He died suddenly from a heart | d. his father |
| 5. National | e. coffin |
| 6. the outstanding leader | f. television |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Little is known | a. its people |
| 2. his thoughts are exactly | b. weapons |
| 3. He went to | c. a nation |
| 4. head of | d. about Kim Jong-un |
| 5. enough food to feed | e. the same |
| 6. nuclear | f. school in Switzerland |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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_____ Kim Jong-un. Korean Central Television say his "_____ the same as those of [his father] the Dear General". He went to school in Switzerland and people say he loves the basketball star Michael Jordan. _____ of Kim Jong-il's three sons. The North Korean _____ in 2009 that he would be the country's next leader. He is _____ where 24 million people do not have enough to eat. His country does not have enough food to _____, but has nuclear weapons.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong-un, has appeared (1) _____ television mourning his father. TV channels showed Kim Jong-un leading a (2) _____ of mourners to the Kumsusan Memorial Palace in Pyongyang. The body of his father Kim Jong-il (3) _____ been laid out in a glass coffin inside the palace. He died suddenly (4) _____ a heart attack on Saturday morning. National television called Kim Jong-un, who is 27 or 28, "a great person (5) _____ of heaven". They also said their new leader was "the outstanding leader of the (6) _____, military and people."

(7) _____ is known about Kim Jong-un. Korean Central Television say his "thoughts are exactly the same as (8) _____ of [his father] the Dear General". He went to school in Switzerland and people say he loves the basketball (9) _____ Michael Jordan. He is the youngest of Kim Jong-il's three sons. The North Korean government (10) _____ in 2009 that he would be the country's next leader. He is now (11) _____ of a nation where 24 million people do not have enough to eat. His country does not have enough food to (12) _____ its people, but has nuclear weapons.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on |
| 2. | (a) group | (b) gather | (c) collect |
| 3. | (a) have | (b) has | (c) having |
| 4. | (a) from | (b) to | (c) at |
| 5. | (a) birth | (b) birthday | (c) born |
| 6. | (a) party | (b) ceremony | (c) celebration |
| 7. | (a) Small | (b) Few | (c) Little |
| 8. | (a) them | (b) those | (c) this |
| 9. | (a) star | (b) moon | (c) sun |
| 10. | (a) decision | (b) decided | (c) decide |
| 11. | (a) neck | (b) foot | (c) head |
| 12. | (a) fed | (b) feed | (c) feeds |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. erppeada on television
2. ounmrgni his father
3. leading a pogur
4. in a glass ofcnif
5. heart catkat
6. leader of the party, mraityli and people

Paragraph 2

7. Little is ownkn about Kim Jong-un
8. lecaxyt the same
9. He is the tgosuney
10. head of a inanto
11. genhou food
12. nuclear weapons

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of a nation where 24 million people do not have enough to eat. His country does not
- () in Pyongyang. The body of his father Kim Jong-il has been laid out in a glass coffin inside the
- () government decided in 2009 that he would be the country's next leader. He is now head
- () showed Kim Jong-un leading a group of mourners to the Kumsusan Memorial Palace
- () new leader was "the outstanding leader of the party, military and people."
- () Little is known about Kim Jong-un. Korean Central Television say his "thoughts are exactly
- () is 27 or 28, "a great person born of heaven". They also said their
- () palace. He died suddenly from a heart attack on Saturday morning. National television called Kim Jong-un, who
- () have enough food to feed its people, but has nuclear weapons.
- (**1**) North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong-un, has appeared on television mourning his father. TV channels
- () the same as those of [his father] the Dear General". He went to school in Switzerland and people say he
- () loves the basketball star Michael Jordan. He is the youngest of Kim Jong-il's three sons. The North Korean

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. television Appeared father mourning on his.

2. group a Leading mourners of.

3. palace the inside coffin glass a In.

4. attack heart a from suddenly died He.

5. The leader the outstanding of party.

6. un about Kim Little Jong is - known.

7. exactly same His are the thoughts.

8. say star the he People basketball loves.

9. do enough people have eat million not to 24.

10. to its food feed people Enough.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. NORTH KOREA: Search the Internet and find more information about North Korea. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about North Korea. Include an imaginary interview with Kim Jong-un. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a North Korea expert. Ask him/her three questions about North Korea. Give him/her three of your opinions on the country and its leader(s). Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.