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Google boss tells N. Korea to use Internet

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THE ARTICLE

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The chairman of Google, Eric Schmidt, has asked North Korea to open up its Internet to join the rest of the world. North Korea is one of the most closed and secretive countries in the world. Only a few of its citizens have Internet access, but that is strictly controlled by the government. Almost no one can access the World Wide Web. Mr Schmidt said it was very important for the country to end its isolation so North Koreans can become richer. He said: "As the world is becoming increasingly connected, their decision to be [almost totally] isolated is very much going to affect their physical world, their economic growth, and so forth....It will make it hard for them to catch up economically."

The U.S. government was not happy about Mr Schmidt's trip. Officials criticised it and said it was "unhelpful". The White House is doing its best to get the North Koreans to end its nuclear weapons programme. One expert believes Mr Schmidt's visit gave North Korea the feeling it was an important world country. Greg Scarlatoiu of the Washington-based Committee for Human Rights in North Korea told the Voice Of America website: "Visits from senior officials and extraordinarily successful entrepreneurs are going to help to raise the profile of the North Korea regime. Probably, from the North Korean viewpoint, they may think this is also an opportunity to make some money for the regime."

Sources: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/googles-schmidt-calls-on-north-korea-to-end-internet-ban/2013/01/10/09cb7bae-5b0d-11e2-b8b2-0d18a64c8dfa_story.html
<http://www.voanews.com/content/google-chairman-urgers-n-korea-on-internet-freedom/1581083.html>

WARM-UPS

1. NORTH KOREA: Walk around the class and talk to other students about North Korea. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

chairman / Internet / secretive / strictly / isolation / connected / physical world / unhelpful / nuclear weapons / human rights / entrepreneurs / regime / opportunity

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. INTERNET: How useful is it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Give each thing a score (10 = most useful). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Usefulness	Why?
Mail		
Search		
Shopping		
News		
Studying		
Travelling		

4. BEST INVENTION: Students A **strongly** believe the Internet is the best invention ever; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. SITES: What are your favourites? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- news sites
- sports sites
- English study sites
- shopping sites
- social network sites
- blogs
- gaming sites
- music sites

6. GOOGLE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'Google'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130112-google.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Eric Schmidt is not the chairman of the company Google. | T / F |
| b. Not many people in North Korea have access to the Internet. | T / F |
| c. Schmidt wants N. Korea to end its isolation so N.Koreans can be richer. | T / F |
| d. Schmidt said N. Korea could be a strong economy without the Internet. | T / F |
| e. The U.S. government sent Schmidt to N. Korea to give advice. | T / F |
| f. An expert said N. Korea feels more important after Schmidt's trip. | T / F |
| g. The article quotes a reporter from the Voice of Korea news agency. | T / F |
| h. N. Korea's leaders think they have the chance to make some money. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. asked | a. firmly |
| 2. secretive | b. specialist |
| 3. strictly | c. visit |
| 4. isolation | d. tight-lipped |
| 5. growth | e. government |
| 6. trip | f. requested |
| 7. end | g. progress |
| 8. expert | h. business executives |
| 9. entrepreneurs | i. lack of contact |
| 10. regime | j. finish |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. join the rest | a. increasingly connected |
| 2. one of the most closed | b. its best |
| 3. no one can access | c. up economically |
| 4. the world is becoming | d. entrepreneurs |
| 5. make it hard for them to catch | e. of the world |
| 6. The White House is doing | f. some money |
| 7. human | g. the World Wide Web |
| 8. successful | h. rights |
| 9. from the North Korean | i. and secretive countries |
| 10. an opportunity to make | j. viewpoint |

GAP FILL

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The chairman of Google, Eric Schmidt, has asked North Korea to (1) _____ up its Internet to join the rest of the world. North Korea is one of the most closed and (2) _____ countries in the world. Only a few of its citizens have Internet access, but that is (3) _____ controlled by the government. Almost no one can (4) _____ the World Wide Web. Mr Schmidt said it was very important for the country to (5) _____ its isolation so North Koreans can become richer. He said: "As the world is becoming increasingly connected, their (6) _____ to be [almost totally] isolated is very much going to affect their physical world, their economic (7) _____, and so forth....It will make it hard for them to (8) _____ up economically."

end
access
growth
secretive
catch
open
decision
strictly

The U.S. government was not happy about Mr Schmidt's trip. Officials criticised it and said it was "(9) _____". The White House is doing its best to get the North Koreans to end its (10) _____ weapons programme. One (11) _____ believes Mr Schmidt's visit gave North Korea the (12) _____ it was an important world country. Greg Scarlatoiu of the Washington-based Committee for Human Rights in North Korea told the Voice Of America website: "Visits from (13) _____ officials and extraordinarily successful entrepreneurs are going to help to raise the (14) _____ of the North Korea regime. Probably, from the North Korean (15) _____, they may think this is also an opportunity to (16) _____ some money for the regime."

senior
make
nuclear
viewpoint
unhelpful
feeling
profile
expert

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) asked North Korea to open up its Internet _____
 - a. to join the rest of the world
 - b. to joint the rest of the world
 - c. to join the rest for the world
 - d. to join the rest of a world
- 2) one of the most closed _____ in the world
 - a. and secrets countries
 - b. and secreted countries
 - c. and secretly countries
 - d. and secretive countries
- 3) strictly _____ the government.
 - a. controlled at
 - b. controlled buy
 - c. controlled by
 - d. controls by
- 4) _____ becoming increasingly connected
 - a. Has the world is
 - b. As the world is
 - c. Was the world is
 - d. Is the world is
- 5) .It will make it hard for them to _____
 - a. catch up economically
 - b. throw up economically
 - c. get up economically
 - d. be up economically
- 6) The U.S. government _____ Mr Schmidt's trip.
 - a. was not unhappy about
 - b. wasn't happy about
 - c. was not happy, but
 - d. was not happy about
- 7) get the North Koreans _____ weapons programme
 - a. to mend its nuclear
 - b. two ends its nuclear
 - c. too to end its nuclear
 - d. to end its nuclear
- 8) the feeling _____ important world country.
 - a. it is an
 - b. it was an
 - c. it wasn't an
 - d. it was not an
- 9) Visits from senior officials and _____ entrepreneurs
 - a. extraordinaire successful
 - b. extraordinary successful
 - c. extraordinarily successful
 - d. extra awe din airily successful
- 10) an opportunity to _____ for the regime
 - a. have some money
 - b. get some money
 - c. print some money
 - d. make some money

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The U.S. government was not happy about Mr Schmidt's trip. Officials criticised it and (7) _____. The White House is doing its best to get the North Koreans (8) _____ weapons programme. One expert believes Mr Schmidt's visit gave North Korea the feeling it (9) _____ world country. Greg Scarlatoiu of the Washington-based Committee for Human Rights in North Korea told the Voice Of America website: "Visits (10) _____ and extraordinarily (11) _____ are going to help to raise the profile of the North Korea regime. Probably, from the North Korean viewpoint, they may think this is also (12) _____ some money for the regime."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130112-google.html>

1. What is Eric Schmidt's job?

2. What does Mr Schmidt want North Korea to join?

3. How many people in North Korea can access the Internet?

4. Why does Mr Schmidt want North Koreans to use the Internet?

5. What will it be hard for N. Korea to do without the Internet?

6. What word did America's government use to describe Schmidt's visit?

7. What is the White House is doing its best to do?

8. In which city does Greg Scarlatoiu work?

9. What extraordinarily successful people are mentioned in the text?

10. What might N. Korea's leaders have the chance to make?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130112-google.html>

1. What is Eric Schmidt's job?
 - a) American politician
 - b) U.S. peacemaker
 - c) chairman of Google
 - d) America's ambassador to North Korea
2. What does Mr Schmidt want N. Korea to join?
 - a) the rest of the world
 - b) Google
 - c) Asia
 - d) South Korea
3. What (or who) controls Internet access in North Korea?
 - a) the World Wide Web
 - b) Eric Schmidt
 - c) Google
 - d) the government
4. What does Eric Schmidt want N. Korea to end?
 - a) its own version of Google
 - b) its isolation
 - c) its Internet
 - d) its riches
5. What did Eric Schmidt say it would be hard for N. Korea to do?
 - a) catch up legally
 - b) catch up technologically
 - c) catch up economically
 - d) catch up financially
6. How did the US government describe Schmidt's trip?
 - a) "helpful"
 - b) "unhelpful"
 - c) "lawful"
 - d) "unlawful"
7. What is the White House doing to end N. Korea's weapons programme?
 - a) its worst
 - b) nothing
 - c) very little
 - d) its best
8. Where does Greg Scarlatoiu work?
 - a) Pyongyang
 - b) Washington
 - c) Seoul
 - d) Google
9. Which news agency did Greg Scarlatoiu talk to?
 - a) Voice Of America
 - b) Voice Of Pyongyang
 - c) Voice Of Kim Jong-un
 - d) Voice Of Korea
10. What might N. Korea's leaders have the chance to make?
 - a) friends
 - b) missiles
 - c) peace
 - d) money

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Eric Schmidt

You think your visit to North Korea was very important for the world. Tell the others three reasons why. You think talking is always the best thing to do. You do not agree with countries telling other countries what to do. Internet access is more important than ending N. Korea's missiles.

Role B – Barack Obama

You are very angry with Eric Schmidt for going to N. Korea. Tell the others three reasons why. You think only the U.S. government should talk to the N. Koreans. The most important thing is to end N. Korea's missiles. Internet access is for the N. Korean government to decide. You think Google wants money.

Role C – Kim Jong-un

As leader of North Korea, you are very happy that Eric Schmidt came to your country. Tell the others three reasons why. Barack Obama should also visit. You will neither open up the Internet in N. Korea nor end your weapons programme. You think the Internet is full bad sites and is bad for your people.

Role D – North Korean

You are very happy that Eric Schmidt came to your country. Tell the others three reasons why. You know Schmidt only wants money for Google. You also think Barack Obama should also visit. Tell Kim Jong-un all N. Koreans want Internet access. Internet access is more important than weapons.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'Internet' and 'access'.

Internet	access
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• open• few• controlled• end• decision• catch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• happy• best• feeling• senior• raise• money
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NORTH KOREA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about North Korea 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.

NORTH KOREA DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the words 'Internet access'?
- c) What do you think about Google?
- d) What do you know about North Korea?
- e) Do you think Internet access is a human right?
- f) Why do you think North Korea is so closed and secretive?
- g) Would North Korea be different if all people had Internet access?
- h) What do you like most and least about the Internet?
- i) What questions would you like to ask N. Korea leader Kim Jong-un?
- j) What do you think his answers might be?

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NORTH KOREA DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you think about Eric Schmidt's visit to North Korea?
- c) What would you do without the Internet?
- d) Why was the White House unhappy about Eric Schmidt's visit?
- e) How has the Internet changed the world?
- f) What would a North Korean who knows nothing about the Internet think about it?
- g) Is North Korea an important world country? Why?
- h) Would you like to visit North Korea?
- i) What questions would you like to ask Google chairman Eric Schmidt?
- j) What do you think his answers might be?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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The U.S. government was not happy about Mr Schmidt's (7) _____. Officials criticised it and said it was "unhelpful". The White House is doing its (8) _____ to get the North Koreans to end its nuclear weapons programme. One expert believes Mr Schmidt's visit gave North Korea the (9) _____ it was an important world country. Greg Scarlatoiu of the Washington-(10) _____ Committee for Human Rights in North Korea told the Voice Of America website: "Visits from senior officials and extraordinarily successful (11) _____ are going to help to raise the profile of the North Korea regime. Probably, from the North Korean viewpoint, they may think this is also an opportunity to (12) _____ some money for the regime."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) open | (b) close | (c) fill | (d) give |
| 2. | (a) most | (b) test | (c) rest | (d) country |
| 3. | (a) several | (b) couple | (c) few | (d) much |
| 4. | (a) Width | (b) Wider | (c) Wild | (d) Wide |
| 5. | (a) isolating | (b) isolated | (c) isolation | (d) isolates |
| 6. | (a) effect | (b) affect | (c) affective | (d) effective |
| 7. | (a) trap | (b) trip | (c) trippy | (d) trapeze |
| 8. | (a) boast | (b) best | (c) bust | (d) beast |
| 9. | (a) emotion | (b) care | (c) feeling | (d) thinks |
| 10. | (a) biased | (b) faces | (c) raced | (d) based |
| 11. | (a) entrepreneurial | (b) entrepreneur | (c) enterprise | (d) entrepreneurs |
| 12. | (a) give | (b) save | (c) print | (d) make |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The aihrncam of Google
2. closed and tericeesv
3. end its ioatlions
4. the world is becoming increasingly cnndotcee
5. economic wthgor
6. make it hard for them to catch up iocolneylmac

Paragraph 2

7. Officials idciictsrse it (UK) / Officials zcirdceiit it (USA)
8. weapons rmgoamper (UK) / weapons rgompra (USA)
9. human ghsitr
10. extraordinarily seslscfuuc entrepreneurs
11. help to raise the prieofl
12. from the North Korean pevowntii

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () few of its citizens have Internet access, but that is strictly controlled by the government. Almost no
- () going to help to raise the profile of the North Korea regime. Probably, from the North Korean
- () The U.S. government was not happy about Mr Schmidt's trip. Officials criticised it and said it was
- () connected, their decision to be [almost totally] isolated is very much going to affect their physical
- () country. Greg Scarlatoiu of the Washington-based Committee for Human Rights in North Korea told
- () the Voice Of America website: "Visits from senior officials and extraordinarily successful entrepreneurs are
- () of the world. North Korea is one of the most closed and secretive countries in the world. Only a
- () world, their economic growth, and so forth....It will make it hard for them to catch up economically."
- () programme. One expert believes Mr Schmidt's visit gave North Korea the feeling it was an important world
- () viewpoint, they may think this is also an opportunity to make some money for the regime
- (**1**) The chairman of Google, Eric Schmidt, has asked North Korea to open up its Internet to join the rest
- () "unhelpful". The White House is doing its best to get the North Koreans to end its nuclear weapons
- () one can access the World Wide Web. Mr Schmidt said it was very important for the country to
- () end its isolation so North Koreans can become richer. He said: "As the world is becoming increasingly

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to Internet its up Open world the of rest the join.

2. of and One closed most countries the secretive.

3. have its few Internet citizens Only access of a.

4. its end to country the for important very was It isolation.

5. will make it hard for them to catch up It.

6. and was . it it unhelpful criticised said Officials

7. was feeling an world . it The country important

8. Human for Committee Korea North in Rights.

9. profile regime of the Raise North the Korea.

10. an make also to money is opportunity some This.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The chairman of Google, Eric Schmidt, has asked North Korea to *close / open* up its Internet to join the *rest / rested* of the world. North Korea is one of the most closed and *secrets / secretive* countries in the world. Only a few of its citizens have Internet *access / assess*, but that is strictly *controls / controlled* by the government. Almost no one can access the World Wide Web. Mr Schmidt said it was very *importance / important* for the country to end its *isolation / isolated* so North Koreans can become richer. He said: "As the world is becoming *increased / increasingly* connected, their decision to be [almost *totally / total*] isolated is very much going to affect their physical world, their economic growth, and so *fifth / forth*....It will make it hard for them to catch up economically."

The U.S. government was not *happy / happily* about Mr Schmidt's trip. Officials criticised it and said it was "unhelpful". The White House is doing its *best / boast* to get the North Koreans to end its nuclear weapons programme. One *expert / expertise* believes Mr Schmidt's visit gave North Korea the feeling it was an *importance / important* world country. Greg Scarlatoiu of the Washington-*biased / -based* Committee for Human Rights in North Korea *told / said* the Voice Of America website: "Visits from senior officials and *extraordinarily / extraordinary* successful entrepreneurs are going to help to *rise / raise* the profile of the North Korea regime. Probably, from the North Korean *viewpoint / scenery*, they may think this is also an opportunity to *make / print* some money for the regime."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ ch__rm_n _f G__gl_, _r_c Schm_dt, h_s _sk_d
N_rth K_r__ t_ _p_n _p _ts _nt_rn_t t_ j__n th_ r_st
f th w_rld. N_rth K_r__ _s _n_ _f th_ m_st cl_s_d
_nd s_cr_t_v_ c__ntr__s _n th_ w_rld. _nly _f_w _f
_ts c_t_z_ns h_v__ _nt_rn_t _cc_ss, b_t th_t _s str_ctly
c_ntr_ll_d by th_ g_v_rnm_nt. _lm_st n_ _n_ c_n
_cc_ss th_ W_rld W_d_ W_b. Mr Schm_dt s__d _t w_s
v_ry _mp_rt_nt f_r th_ c__ntry t_ _nd _ts _s_l_t__n_s
N_rth K_r__ns c_n b_c_m_ r_ch_r. H_ s__d: "_s th_
w_rld _s b_c_m_ng _ncr__s_ngly c_nn_ct_d, th__r
d_c_s__n_t_b_ [_lm_st t_t_lly] _s_l_t_d _s v_ry m_ch
g__ng t_ _ff_ct th__r phys_c_l w_rld, th__r _c_n_m_c
gr_wth, _nd s_ f_rth... _t w_ll m_k_ _t h_r_d f_r th_m t_
c_tch _p _c_n_m_c_lly."

Th_ .S. g_v_rnm_nt w_s n_t h_ppy _b__t Mr Schm_dt's
tr_p. _ff_c__ls cr_t_c_s_d _t _nd s__d _t w_s
"_nh_lpf_l". Th_ Wh_t H__s _s_d__ng _ts b_st t_g_t
th_ N_rth K_r__ns t_ _nd _ts n_cl__r w__p_ns
pr_gr_mm_. _n_ _xp_rt b_l__v_s Mr Schm_dt's v_s_t
g_v_ N_rth K_r__ th_ f__l_ng _t w_s _n _mp_rt_nt
w_rld c__ntry. Gr_g Sc_rl_t__ _f th_ W_sh_ngt_n-
b_s_d C_mm_tt__ f_r H_m_n R_ghts _n N_rth K_r__
t_ld th_ V__c_ _f _m_r_c_ w_bs_t: "V_s_ts fr_m
s_n__r _ff_c__ls _nd _xtr__rd_n_r_ly s_cc_ssf_l
_ntr_pr_n__rs _r_g__ng t_ h_lp t_r__s th_ pr_f_l
f th N_rth K_r__ r_g_m_. Pr_b_bly, fr_m th_ N_rth
K_r__n v__wp__nt, th_y m_y th_nk th_s _s _ls _n
_pp_rt_n_ty t_ m_k_ s_m_m_n_y f_r th_ r_g_m_.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about North Korea. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. NORTH KOREA: Make a poster about North Korea. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. INTERNET: Write a magazine article about the Internet. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to Kim Jong-un. Ask him three questions about Internet access in North Korea. Give him three of your opinions on this issue. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. asked | a. requested |
| 2. secretive | b. tight-lipped |
| 3. strictly | c. firmly |
| 4. isolation | d. lack of contact |
| 5. growth | e. progress |
| 6. trip | f. visit |
| 7. end | g. finish |
| 8. expert | h. specialist |
| 9. entrepreneurs | i. business executives |
| 10. regime | j. government |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The chairman of Google
2. The rest of the world
3. A few
4. So they can be richer
5. Catch up economically
6. "Unhelpful"
7. Get the N. Koreans to end its nuclear weapons programme
8. Washington
9. Entrepreneurs
10. Money

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)