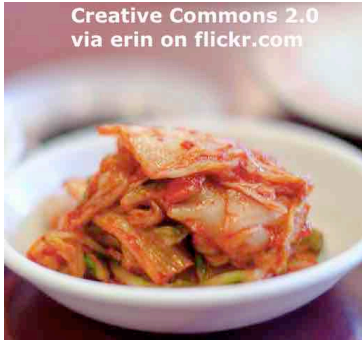


## S.Korea, China clash on social media over kimchi

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China and South Korea are arguing over a pickled food. The two countries are in a dispute over a savoury pickled cabbage dish. China is trying to win an international certificate for pao cai, a savoury vegetable dish from Sichuan province.

However, South Korean officials are angry about this. They say this dish is too much like kimchi - perhaps the most famous food in South Korea. Kimchi is a staple in Korean cuisine. It is a traditional dish of salted and fermented vegetables, such as cabbage and Korean radish. It is made with a wide variety of seasonings, including chilli powder, spring onions, garlic, ginger, and salted seafood. Pao cai is a pickle, usually made using cabbage, mustard, peppers and ginger.

South Korea is angry that China says it has won certification from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for its kimchi making process. South Korean officials say pao cai, "has nothing to do with kimchi". They added: "We need to understand that pao cai is different from kimchi." People in Korea 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 and history 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: [koreaherald.com](http://koreaherald.com) / [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org) / [ads-cbn.com](http://ads-cbn.com)

### Writing

No country owns the rights to claim a food dish. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

China / South Korea / dispute / cabbage / kimchi / pao cai / cuisine / seasoning / chilli / angry / process / standard / professor / understand / culture / history / pronunciation

### True / False

- a) China and S. Korea are arguing over a pickled cabbage dish. T / F
- b) The Chinese dish pao cai is from Hong Kong. T / F
- c) The article says kimchi is very stable in South Korea. T / F
- d) Pao cai is made from cabbage, mustard, peppers and ginger. T / F
- e) South Korea won a certification from the ISO. T / F
- f) A professor in Korea said China totally understand Korean culture. T / F
- g) The article says most kimchi people eat in S. Korea is made in China. T / F
- h) The article says the pronunciation of the word kimchi is from Chinese. T / F

### Synonym Match

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

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| 1. <b>arguing</b>     | a. method       |
| 2. <b>dispute</b>     | b. food         |
| 3. <b>angry</b>       | c. started      |
| 4. <b>cuisine</b>     | d. disagreement |
| 5. <b>variety</b>     | e. appreciate   |
| 6. <b>process</b>     | f. furious      |
| 7. <b>understand</b>  | g. countries    |
| 8. <b>standard</b>    | h. fighting     |
| 9. <b>nations</b>     | i. example      |
| 10. <b>originated</b> | j. range        |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about kimchi?
- b) What do you know about Korean food?
- c) How much do you like savoury food?
- d) What are the staple dishes of your country?
- e) What are your favourite seasonings?
- f) What do you think of salted seafood?
- g) What food can you make using cabbage?
- h) What do you think of garlic?

## Phrase Match

- China and South Korea are arguing
- a dispute over a savoury
- They say this dish is too
- Kimchi is a staple
- It is made with a wide
- its kimchi making
- pao cai is different
- understand the culture
- the pronunciation
- originated
- from Chinese
- in Korean cuisine
- from kimchi
- variety of seasonings
- pickled cabbage dish
- and history
- over a pickled food
- of kimchi
- process
- much like kimchi

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about pao cai?
- What do you know about Chinese food?
- How much do you like pickled food?
- Do you think China should have the international certificate?
- What dish from your country are you most proud of?
- Is kimchi Chinese if the pronunciation is from China?
- What questions would you like to ask a kimchi lover?

## Spelling

- arguing over a eklicdp food
- The two countries are in a istupde
- a rsuyoav vegetable dish
- Kimchi is a staple in Korean sieucin
- a wide ityevra of seasonings
- made using agabbec
- it has won tccrnfoiiteai
- South Korean loisiaffc
- the kimchi-making reocssp
- ortsfef to understand the culture
- rnsuirudgno nations
- kimchi raoetinigd from Chinese

### Answers – Synonym Match

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

## Role Play

### Role A – Sushi

You think sushi is the best food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): curry, pizza or burgers.

### Role B – Curry

You think curry is the best food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): sushi, pizza or burgers.

### Role C – Pizza

You think pizza is the best food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): curry, sushi or burgers.

### Role D – Burgers

You think burgers is the best food. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their food. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): curry, pizza or sushi.

## Speaking – Food

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

- Tacos
- Falafel
- Pizza
- Burgers
- Kimchi
- Sushi
- Fish and chips
- Curry

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	F	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.