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**Level 1** – 22nd December 2022

## South Koreans to become a year or two younger

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221222-being-younger-1.html>

A South Korean law will make people a year or two younger. Before the law, there were three ways people could tell their age. One was an "international age". A baby becomes one year old a year after it is born. The second was a "Korean age" - babies are a year old when they are born, and a year is added every January. The third method was a "calendar age". Babies are zero years old at birth, and a year is added every January.

The new law makes age in Korea simpler. All official documents will use the international age. This will be the legal age for drinking, getting married, and smoking. It will end the problems of the old system. However, some people will still use the Korean age. A woman was happy with the simpler law, and of being younger. She tweeted: "I turned two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my real age back."

Sources: [https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2022/12/113\\_341243.html](https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2022/12/113_341243.html)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221222-being-younger-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. make people a year      | a. old at birth       |
| 2. three ways people could | b. one year old       |
| 3. A baby becomes          | c. every January      |
| 4. The second was          | d. or two younger     |
| 5. babies are a year old   | e. tell their age     |
| 6. The third               | f. when they are born |
| 7. Babies are zero years   | g. method             |
| 8. a year is added         | h. a "Korean age"     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The new law makes age      | a. weeks after       |
| 2. official                   | b. of the old system |
| 3. the legal age              | c. age back          |
| 4. It will end the problems   | d. documents         |
| 5. A woman was happy with     | e. in December       |
| 6. I turned two years old two | f. in Korea simpler  |
| 7. I was born                 | g. the simpler law   |
| 8. I'm about to get my real   | h. for drinking      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A South Korean (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people a year or two younger. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, there were three ways people could tell their age. One was an "international age". A baby becomes one year (3) \_\_\_\_\_ after it is born. The second was a "Korean age" - babies are a year old when (4) \_\_\_\_\_, and a year is added every January. The third method was a "calendar age". Babies (5) \_\_\_\_\_ old at birth, and a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ every January.

The new (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Korea simpler. All official documents will use the international age. This will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ age for drinking, getting married, and smoking. It will end the problems of (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, some people will still use the Korean age. A woman was happy with (10) \_\_\_\_\_, and of being younger. She tweeted: "I turned two years old two weeks after I was born, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ born in December. Finally, I'm about to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ age back."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BEING YOUNGER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221222-being-younger-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about being younger 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) \_\_\_\_\_

