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Two Koreas to share flag for Winter Olympics

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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South and North Korea will use the same flag at next month's Winter Olympics. The Olympics are from the 9th to the 25th of February. They are in the South Korean city of PyeongChang. People were worried about North Korean attending the games. Tensions between the two countries are high because North Korea has tested many missiles. However, after high-level talks, both countries decided to use a "unified Korea" flag at the games. They will also enter a joint ice hockey team. This might mean that relations between the two countries are improving.

The thaw in relations could open the door for more peace talks. The Koreas have been divided since the 1950-53 Korean War. There have been many attempts to improve ties between the two. The Winter Olympics could help this. The cross-border road will open for the first time in two years. However, not all Koreans are happy with this news. Thousands of people signed an online petition asking for South Korea's president to forget about the plan. South Korea's hockey coach is not happy. He said a united hockey team could damage South Korea's chances of winning a medal.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-42721417>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. South and North Korea will | a. many missiles |
| 2. worried about North Korean attending | b. flag |
| 3. Tensions between the two | c. are improving |
| 4. North Korea has tested | d. the games |
| 5. both countries | e. countries are high |
| 6. use a "unified Korea" | f. ice hockey team |
| 7. a joint | g. decided |
| 8. relations between the two countries | h. use the same flag |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The thaw | a. 1950-53 Korean War |
| 2. open the door for | b. coach |
| 3. divided since the | c. ties |
| 4. many attempts to improve | d. more peace talks |
| 5. The cross-border | e. an online petition |
| 6. Thousands of people signed | f. in relations |
| 7. South Korea's hockey | g. winning a medal |
| 8. Korea's chances of | h. road will open |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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South and North Korea will use (1) _____ at next month's Winter Olympics. The Olympics are from the 9th to the 25th of February. They are in the South Korean city of PyeongChang. People (2) _____ North Korean attending the games. Tensions between (3) _____ are high because North Korea has tested many missiles. However, after (4) _____, both countries decided to use a "unified Korea" flag at the games. They will also (5) _____ ice hockey team. This might mean that relations between the two (6) _____.

The (7) _____ could open the door for more peace talks. The Koreans have been (8) _____ 1950-53 Korean War. There have been (9) _____ improve ties between the two. The Winter Olympics could help this. The (10) _____ will open for the first time in two years. However, not all Koreans are happy with this news. Thousands of people signed (11) _____ asking for South Korea's president to forget about the plan. South Korea's hockey coach is not happy. He said a united hockey team could damage South Korea's (12) _____ a medal.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WINTER OLYMPICS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Winter Olympics 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Winter Olympics** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
