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**Level 0 – 22nd December 2022**

## **South Koreans to become a year or two younger**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221222-being-younger-0.html>

A South Korean law will make people a year or two younger. There were three ways Koreans could tell their age. One was an "international age". A baby is a year old a year after it is born. The second was a "Korean age" - a baby is one when they are born, and a year is added every January. There was also a "calendar age".

Age in Korea is now simpler. Documents will use the international age. This will be the age for drinking, getting married, and smoking. Some people will still use the Korean age. A woman was happy. She is two years younger. She tweeted: "I turned two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December."

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-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A South Korean            | a. they are born     |
| 2. make people a year        | b. international age |
| 3. three ways Koreans could  | c. age               |
| 4. One was an                | d. after it is born  |
| 5. a year old a year         | e. every January     |
| 6. a baby is one when        | f. or two younger    |
| 7. a year is added           | g. law               |
| 8. There was also a calendar | h. tell their age    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Age in Korea is          | a. years younger     |
| 2. Documents will use the   | b. was born          |
| 3. This will be the age for | c. married           |
| 4. getting                  | d. in December       |
| 5. She is two               | e. now simpler       |
| 6. I turned                 | f. drinking          |
| 7. two weeks after I        | g. two years old     |
| 8. I was born               | h. international age |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A South Korean (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people a year or two younger. There (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Koreans could tell their age. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "international age". A baby is a year old (4) \_\_\_\_\_ it is born. The second was a "Korean age" - a baby is one when (5) \_\_\_\_\_, and a year is added every January. There (6) \_\_\_\_\_ "calendar age".

Age in Korea (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Documents will use the international age. This (8) \_\_\_\_\_ age for drinking, getting (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Some people will still use the Korean age. A (10) \_\_\_\_\_. She is two years younger. She tweeted: "I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ old two weeks after I was born, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ born in December."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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reewaysKoreanscouldtelltheirage.Onewasan"internationalage".Ab  
abyisayearoldayearafteritisborn.Thesecondwasa"Koreanage"-ab  
abyisonewhentheyareborn,andayearisaddedeveryJanuary.Therew  
asalsoa"calendarage".AgeinKoreaisnowsimpler.Documentswilluset  
heinternationalage.Thiswillbetheagefordrinking,gettingmarried,an  
dsmoking.SomepeoplewillstillusetheKoreanage.Awomanwashappy  
.Sheistwoyearsyounger.Shetweeted:"Iturndtwoyearsoldtwoweek  
safterIwasborn,asIwasborninDecember."

# BEING YOUNGER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221222-being-younger-0.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) \_\_\_\_\_

