

KIM JONG-IL

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Kim Jong-il was born in 1941 in the Soviet Union. North Korea's official biographies, however, state his year of birth as 1942 and his birthplace as Korea. He has been the leader of North Korea for over a decade. Since Kim is not actually the president, he does not have to hold elections to keep power, and has never done so.

North Koreans learn that a double rainbow over the mountains and a new star in the heavens announced Kim Jong-il's birth. They are also taught that he is the world's greatest and kindest ruler. They call him "Dear Leader". It is extremely dangerous for any North Korean to say anything negative about him. He is leader of the world's fourth largest army.

He spent the first three years of his life in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official records say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports claim he went to school in China to escape the Korean War. He was involved in political activities throughout his schooling. At university he studied Marxism, philosophy and military science.

Kim has a daughter and three sons, but there is no official information about his marital history. His hobbies include collecting cars and watching movies. He has many luxury Mercedes and over 20,000 videos. His favorite films include the James Bond series. He also loves golf. North Korea's government reports that Kim gets up to four holes-in-one every time he plays.

242 words
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SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. biographies | a. really |
| 2. state | b. very |
| 3. actually | c. say |
| 4. announced | d. life stories |
| 5. extremely | e. bad |
| 6. negative | f. said |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 7. official | g. get away |
| 8. escape | h. marriage |
| 9. schooling | i. approved |
| 10. marital | j. adores |
| 11. films | k. education |
| 12. loves | l. movies |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. North Korea's official | a. Kim Jong-il's birth |
| 2. he does not have to hold | b. every time he plays |
| 3. a new star in the heavens announced | c. biographies |
| 4. It is extremely | d. activities |
| 5. He is leader of the world's | e. elections to keep power |
| 6. He spent the first three years of | f. history |
| 7. He was involved in political | g. dangerous |
| 8. marital | h. his life in the Soviet Union |
| 9. His hobbies include | i. fourth largest army |
| 10. Kim gets up to four holes-in-one | j. collecting cars |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Kim Jong-il was born in 1941 in the Soviet Union. North Korea's _____, however, state his year of birth as 1942 and his _____ Korea. He has been the leader of North Korea for _____. Since Kim is not actually the president, he does not have to hold elections to keep power, and _____.

North Koreans learn that a double rainbow over the mountains and _____ heavens announced Kim Jong-il's birth. They are also _____ world's greatest and kindest ruler. They call him "Dear Leader". It is _____ for any North Korean to say anything _____. He is leader of the world's fourth largest army.

He spent _____ of his life in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official records say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports _____ school in China to escape the Korean War. He was involved in political activities _____ schooling. At university he studied Marxism, philosophy _____.

Kim has a daughter and three sons, but there is _____ about his marital history. _____ collecting cars and watching movies. He has many luxury Mercedes and over 20,000 videos. His _____ the James Bond series. He also loves golf. North Korea's government reports that Kim _____ holes-in-one every time he plays.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Kim Jong-il was *birth / born* in 1941 in the Soviet Union. North Korea's official biographies, however, *state / states* his year of birth as 1942 and his birthplace as Korea. He has been the leader of North Korea for over a decade. Since Kim is not *actual / actually* the president, he does not have to hold elections to keep power, and has never done *so / soon*.

North Koreans learn that a double rainbow over the mountains and a new star in the heavens *announce / announced* Kim Jong-il's birth. They are also *learned / taught* that he is the world's greatest and kindest ruler. They call him "Dear Leader". It is extremely *dangerous / danger* for any North Korean to say anything negative about him. He is leader of the world's *forth / fourth* largest army.

He spent the first three years of his *living / life* in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official *record / records* say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports claim he went to school in China *to / for* escape the Korean War. He was involved in political activities *throughout / inside out* his schooling. At university he studied Marxism, philosophy and military science.

Kim has a daughter and three sons, but there is no *office / official* information about his marital history. His hobbies include *collection / collecting* cars and watching movies. He has many luxury Mercedes and over 20,000 videos. His favorite films include the James Bond *series / serious*. He also loves golf. North Korea's government reports that Kim gets up *for / to* four holes-in-one every time he plays.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

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2. ... and his rctiehlbpa as Korea
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4. he does not have to hold seelcnoti to keep power

Paragraph 2

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6. a new star in the eaevshn
7. the world's greatest and nstdiek ruler
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Paragraph 3

9. ... and was onwkn as Yuri
10. he was tueeddca in Pyongyang
11. He was odnvevil in political activities
12. he studied Marxism, philosophy and military niceecs

Paragraph 4

13. his aliartm history
14. His hobbies ieuncl collecting cars
15. He has many yulrxu Mercedes
16. the James Bond eisres

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () He spent the first three years of his life in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official records
- () include the James Bond series. He also loves golf. North Korea's government
- () keep power, and has never done so.
- () reports that Kim gets up to four holes-in-one every time he plays.
- () North Koreans learn that a double rainbow over the mountains and a new star in the
- () Kim has a daughter and three sons, but there is no official information about his marital history. His hobbies
- () in political activities throughout his schooling. At university he studied Marxism, philosophy and military science.
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- () say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports claim he went to school in China to
- () escape the Korean War. He was involved
- () dangerous for any North Korean to say anything negative about him. He is leader of the world's fourth largest army.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

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3. the over rainbow double a mountains

4. is he ruler kindest and greatest world's the

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8. involved his in schooling political He activities was throughout

9. official history information there about is his no marital

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KIM JONG-IL DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Kim Jong-il?
2. Would you like to meet Kim Jong-il?
3. What would you like to know about Kim Jong-il and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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KIM JONG-IL DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Kim Jong-il?
2. What questions would you like to ask Kim Jong-il?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

KIM JONG-IL SURVEY:

Write five questions about Kim Jong-il in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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 more information about Kim Jong-il. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. KIM JONG-IL POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Kim Jong-il. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Kim Jong-il. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Kim Jong-il. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Kim Jong-il expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.