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N. Korea leader unhappy with weather forecasts

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THE READING

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un is unhappy with the weather forecasts. He said the meteorological department gave "incorrect" forecasts. It is unusual for him to be negative about a part of the government. Mr Kim was visiting one of his country's weather stations. He said the techniques used to forecast the weather were wrong. He told workers to use modern equipment. He told reporters it was important to protect people and their homes and factories. North Korea has many natural disasters and famines. It is important to have accurate weather forecasts.

Many North Korean people suffer from food shortages. There are many droughts and floods. This means people do not have enough food to eat. In May, North Korea had one of the worst droughts in over 30 years. This means more food shortages. In the mid-1990s there was a very bad famine. Wikipedia says no one knows how many people died. The site said the number is between 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs food aid from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get this. A lot of the food aid does not get to the people who need it the most.

Sources: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/12/kim-jong-weather-north-korea>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korean_famine
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. meteorological | a. their homes |
| 2. It is unusual for | b. stations |
| 3. weather | c. and famines |
| 4. He told workers to | d. department |
| 5. He told reporters it | e. weather forecasts |
| 6. protect people and | f. him to be negative |
| 7. many natural disasters | g. was important |
| 8. accurate | h. use modern equipment |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. suffer from food | a. in over 30 years |
| 2. people do not have enough | b. aid |
| 3. one of the worst droughts | c. many people died |
| 4. In the mid- | d. it the most |
| 5. no one knows how | e. shortages |
| 6. the number is between 240,000 | f. 1990s |
| 7. food | g. food to eat |
| 8. the people who need | h. and 3,500,000 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un (1) _____ the weather forecasts. He said the meteorological department gave "incorrect" forecasts. It is (2) _____ to be negative about a part of the government. Mr Kim (3) _____ his country's weather stations. He said the techniques used to forecast the weather were wrong. He (4) _____ modern equipment. He told reporters it (5) _____ protect people and their homes and factories. North Korea has many natural (6) _____. It is important to have accurate weather forecasts.

Many North Korean people (7) _____ shortages. There are many droughts and floods. This means people do not have (8) _____. In May, North Korea had one of the worst droughts (9) _____. This means more food shortages. In the mid-1990s there (10) _____ famine. Wikipedia says no one knows how many people died. The site said the (11) _____ 240,000 and 3,500,000. North Korea needs food aid from other countries. Many people would die if they did not get this. A lot of the food aid does not get to the people (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
