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South Koreans to become a year or two younger

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THE ARTICLE

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

A new law in South Korea means South Koreans will be a year or two younger. The law was passed last Thursday. Before it was passed, there were three different ways that people could tell their age. South Koreans could have three ages. One was an "international age". This is the same as how most people in the world calculate their age. A baby is zero at birth and becomes one year old a year after it is born. The second was a "Korean age". Under this system, babies are considered a year old on the day they are born, and then a year is added every January the 1st. The third method was a "calendar age". This makes babies zero years old at birth, and a year is added to their age every January the 1st.

The new law simplifies age in South Korea. Lawmakers hope it will end confusion about how old people are. From June 2023, all official documents must use the standard international age. It will be used for the legal ages for drinking, getting married, smoking, and military service. It should help to end legal and social problems caused by the old system. However, many people will continue to use the Korean age in informal situations. A Korean Twitter user was relieved there is a new law to make things simpler. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger. I'm so happy. 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."

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WARM-UPS

1. BEING YOUNGER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about being younger. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

law / South Korea / age / international / calculate / being born / calendar / birth / lawmakers / confusion / documents / legal ages / military service / happy / December

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BEING YOUNG: Students A **strongly** believe being young is better than being old; Students B **strongly** believe being older is better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AGE: What are the good and bad things about these ages? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Good Things | Bad Things |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Five | | |
| Fifteen | | |
| Twenty-five | | |
| Forty-five | | |
| Sixty-five | | |
| Ninety-five | | |

5. LAW: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "law". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. THE BEST AGE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best age at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 5
- 10
- 15
- 25
- 45
- 65
- 85
- 105

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. law | a. A way of doing something. |
| 2. pass | b. Vote on and OK something like a law so it becomes part of a system. |
| 3. calculate | c. The time when a baby is born. |
| 4. birth | d. A rule of a particular country that everyone must follow (or go to prison or get in trouble). |
| 5. system | e. A chart or series of pages showing the days, weeks, and months of a year. |
| 6. method | f. Find out the amount or number of something. |
| 7. calendar | g. A set of things working together as parts of a bigger thing. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 8. simplifies | h. A level of quality or attainment. |
| 9. confusion | i. About an authority or public body and its activities and responsibilities. |
| 10. official | j. The time people must spend in the army. |
| 11. standard | k. Makes easier to do or understand. |
| 12. legal | l. Uncertainty about what is happening, intended, or required. |
| 13. military service | m. Having a relaxed, friendly, or unofficial style, manner, or nature. |
| 14. informal | n. About the law. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A law in South Korean means people can choose to be a year older. **T / F**
2. It was possible for South Koreans to have three different ages. **T / F**
3. The "Korean age" means adding a year to your age every January 1. **T / F**
4. The "Calendar age" in Japan means you are one year old at birth. **T / F**
5. Official documents will use the calendar age from June 2023. **T / F**
6. The "International age" will be used for military service. **T / F**
7. All Korean people will stop using the "Korean age". **T / F**
8. A woman on Twitter was happy she would be two years younger. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. law | a. believed to be |
| 2. ways | b. lawful |
| 3. calculate | c. easier |
| 4. considered | d. methods |
| 5. babies | e. casual |
| 6. confusion | f. newborns |
| 7. legal | g. rule |
| 8. informal | h. actual |
| 9. simpler | i. uncertainty |
| 10. real | j. work out |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. The law was | a. could tell their age |
| 2. three different ways that people | b. real age back |
| 3. the same as how most people in the | c. age in South Korea |
| 4. babies are considered a year old on the | d. end confusion |
| 5. a year is added to their age | e. for drinking |
| 6. The new law simplifies | f. passed last Thursday |
| 7. Lawmakers hope it will | g. world calculate their age |
| 8. the legal ages | h. situations |
| 9. in informal | i. every January the 1st |
| 10. I'm about to get my | j. day they are born |

GAP FILL

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

A new law in South Korea (1) _____ South Koreans will be a year or two younger. The law was (2) _____ last Thursday. Before it was passed, there were three different ways that people could (3) _____ their age. South Koreans could have three ages. One was an "international age". This is the same as how most people in the world (4) _____ their age. A baby is zero at birth and becomes one year old a year after it is born. The (5) _____ was a "Korean age". Under this (6) _____, babies are considered a year old on the day they are born, and then a year is added every January the 1st. The third (7) _____ was a "calendar age". This makes babies zero years old at (8) _____, and a year is added to their age every January the 1st.

second
tell
birth
means
method
calculate
passed
system

The new law (9) _____ age in South Korea. Lawmakers hope it will end confusion about how old people are. From June 2023, all (10) _____ documents must use the standard international age. It will be used for the (11) _____ ages for drinking, getting married, smoking, and military service. It should help to end legal and social problems (12) _____ by the old system. However, many people will continue to use the Korean age in (13) _____ situations. A Korean Twitter user was relieved there is a new law to make things (14) _____. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger. I'm so happy. I (15) _____ two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my real age (16) _____."

caused
official
turned
informal
simplifies
back
legal
simpler

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A new law in South Korea means South Koreans will be a year _____
 - a. or two youngish
 - b. and two younger
 - c. or too younger
 - d. or two youngers
- 2) Before it was passed, there were three different ways that people could _____
 - a. tell them age
 - b. tell their age
 - c. tell their aged
 - d. tell them aged
- 3) This is the same as how most people in the world _____
 - a. calculates their age
 - b. recalculate their age
 - c. inculcate their age
 - d. calculate their age
- 4) A baby is zero at birth and becomes one year old a year after _____
 - a. it is borne
 - b. it is born
 - c. it is bourn
 - d. it is barn
- 5) This makes babies zero years old at birth, and a _____
 - a. year be added
 - b. year get added
 - c. year is added
 - d. year have added
- 6) simplifies age in South Korea. Lawmakers hope it _____
 - a. will end confusion
 - b. will end confusing
 - c. will end confuse on
 - d. will end confuse in
- 7) From June 2023, all official documents must use the _____
 - a. standard dint a national age
 - b. standards international age
 - c. standard into a national age
 - d. standard international age
- 8) used for the legal ages for drinking, getting married, smoking, _____
 - a. and military serviced
 - b. and military service
 - c. and military services
 - d. and military servicing
- 9) many people will continue to use the Korean age _____
 - a. in formal situations
 - b. in informal situations
 - c. in informal situation
 - d. in formal situation
- 10) as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my _____
 - a. really age back
 - b. real age back
 - c. real aged back
 - d. real age backs

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

A (1) _____ South Korea means South Koreans will be a year or two younger. The law was passed last Thursday. Before it was passed, there were three (2) _____ people could tell their age. South Koreans could have three ages. One was an "international age". This is the (3) _____ most people in the world calculate their age. A baby is zero at birth and becomes one year old a year after it is born. The second was a "Korean age". Under this system, babies are (4) _____ old on the day they are born, and then a year is added every January the 1st. The third method was (5) _____. This makes babies zero years old at birth, and a year is added (6) _____ every January the 1st.

The new law (7) _____ South Korea. Lawmakers hope it will end confusion about how old people are. From June 2023, all official documents must (8) _____ international age. It will be used for the legal ages for drinking, getting married, (9) _____ service. It should help to end legal and social problems caused by the old system. However, many people will continue to use the Korean (10) _____ situations. A Korean Twitter user was relieved there is a new law to (11) _____. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger. I'm so happy. I turned two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. When does the article say the law was passed?
2. How many different ways did Koreans have of telling their age?
3. What method do most people in the world use to tell their age?
4. How old is a baby at birth when using the "Korean age"?
5. In which method is a baby not zero years old at birth?
6. What does the article say the new law simplifies?
7. When will the new age system start?
8. When might some people still use the Korean age?
9. Who was happy about the new law?
10. What did a woman say she was relieved to get back?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) When does the article say the law was passed?
 - a) last month
 - b) a year ago
 - c) last Thursday
 - d) a few days ago
- 2) How many different ways did Koreans have of telling their age?
 - a) three
 - b) two
 - c) many
 - d) countless ways
- 3) What method do most people in the world use to tell their age?
 - a) the world way
 - b) the international age
 - c) the counting way
 - d) the birthday way
- 4) How old is a baby at birth when using the "Korean age"?
 - a) six months old
 - b) a day old
 - c) zero years old
 - d) a year old
- 5) In which method is a baby not zero years old at birth?
 - a) the International age
 - b) the Birthday age
 - c) the Korean age
 - d) the Calendar age
- 6) What does the article say the new law simplifies?
 - a) birthdays
 - b) age
 - c) being born
 - d) birth certificates
- 7) When will the new age system start?
 - a) July 2023
 - b) June 2024
 - c) July 2024
 - d) June 2023
- 8) When might some people still use the Korean age?
 - a) outside Korea
 - b) in informal situations
 - c) when they get married
 - d) to lie about their real age
- 9) Who was happy about the new law?
 - a) parents
 - b) a Korean Twitter user
 - c) a baby
 - d) teachers
- 10) What did a woman say she was relieved to get back?
 - a) her real age
 - b) her birth certificate
 - c) a birthday present
 - d) her teenage years

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Five

You think 5 is the best age. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their age. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 25, 65 or 95.

Role B – Twenty-five

You think 25 is the best age. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their age. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 5, 65 or 95.

Role C – Sixty-five

You think 65 is the best age. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their age. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 25, 5 or 95.

Role D – Ninety-five

You think 95 is the best age. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their age. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these ages (and why): 25, 65 or 5.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'year' and 'younger'.

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| year | younger |
|-------------|----------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday• tell• calculate• becomes• third• January | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• hope• official• drinking• social• relieved• back |
|---|---|

BEING YOUNGER SURVEY

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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.

BEING YOUNGER DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'young'?
3. What do you think of age?
4. How happy are you with your age?
5. What do you think of the new South Korean law?
6. What's the best way to calculate age?
7. When you were young, did you want to be older?
8. What's the best age to be?
9. What are the good things about being older?
10. What are the good things about being younger?

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BEING YOUNGER DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'birth'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to be younger or older?
15. Do you agree that you are as young as you feel?
16. What should the legal age for getting married be?
17. What should the legal age for military service be?
18. Do you like celebrating your birthday?
19. How old do you want to live?
20. What questions would you like to ask a young person?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The new law (7) _____ age in South Korea. Lawmakers hope it will end confusion about how old people are. From June 2023, all official documents must use the standard international age. It will be used (8) _____ the legal ages for drinking, getting married, smoking, and military service. It should help to end (9) _____ and social problems caused by the old system. However, many people will continue to use the Korean age in informal (10) _____. A Korean Twitter user was relieved there is a new law to make things simpler. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger. I'm so happy. I (11) _____ two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my (12) _____ age back."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) meaning | (b) means | (c) mean | (d) meanings |
| 2. | (a) parsed | (b) passed | (c) psst | (d) past |
| 3. | (a) whom | (b) which | (c) what | (d) how |
| 4. | (a) bourne | (b) born | (c) borne | (d) barn |
| 5. | (a) addition | (b) add | (c) adds | (d) added |
| 6. | (a) gets | (b) births | (c) makes | (d) calculates |
| 7. | (a) simplifies | (b) simples | (c) samples | (d) sampled |
| 8. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) for | (d) on |
| 9. | (a) legalized | (b) legally | (c) legality | (d) legal |
| 10. | (a) situations | (b) stations | (c) situational | (d) situated |
| 11. | (a) turned | (b) twisted | (c) rotated | (d) revolved |
| 12. | (a) real | (b) really | (c) realism | (d) realistic |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. The law was desspa last Thursday
2. an ntarontnielai age
3. people in the world uclalacet their age
4. Under this stsmey
5. babies are endsdocrie a year old
6. a nceadalr age

Paragraph 2

7. The new law sipmeisfl age
8. it will end oicfnsnuo
9. all foficail documents
10. maiyrkli service
11. in fmiarlon situations
12. vereilde there is a new law

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () age. South Koreans could have three ages. One was an "international age". This is the same as how most people
- () as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my real age back."
- () getting married, smoking, and military service. It should help to end legal and social problems caused by the old
- () years younger. I'm so happy. I turned two years old two weeks after I was born,
- (**1**) A new law in South Korea means South Koreans will be a year or two younger. The law was
- () passed last Thursday. Before it was passed, there were three different ways that people could tell their
- () system. However, many people will continue to use the Korean age in informal situations. A Korean Twitter
- () born. The second was a "Korean age". Under this system, babies are considered a year old on the day they are
- () in the world calculate their age. A baby is zero at birth and becomes one year old a year after it is
- () The new law simplifies age in South Korea. Lawmakers hope it will end confusion about how old people are. From June 2023, all official
- () documents must use the standard international age. It will be used for the legal ages for drinking,
- () user was relieved there is a new law to make things simpler. She tweeted: "I'll become two
- () born, and then a year is added every January the 1st. The third method was a "calendar age". This makes
- () babies zero years old at birth, and a year is added to their age every January the 1st.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. ways could Different people their age . tell that
2. world in the their Most calculate people age .
3. on old A born . year the day they're
4. old zero birth . This years babies makes at
5. South new age The Korea . simplifies in law
6. confusion old people It'll how about are . end
7. for It's ages used drinking . the legal for
8. the problems system . Social old caused by
9. turned after . old two weeks years I two
10. my about to age real I'm back . get

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A new law in South Korea *meaning / means* South Koreans will be a year or two younger. The law was *passed / past* last Thursday. Before it was passed, there were three different *weighs / ways* that people could tell their age. South Koreans could have three ages. One was an "international age". This is the same *as / was* how most people in the world *calculate / escalate* their age. A baby is zero at *born / birth* and becomes one year old a year after it is *birthday / born*. The second was a "Korean age". Under this system, babies are considered a year old on the day they are born, and then a year is *adds / added* every January the 1st. The third method was a "calendar age". This makes babies zero years old *at / on* birth, and a year is added to their age every January *the / a* 1st.

The new law *simples / simplifies* age in South Korea. Lawmakers hope it will end *confusion / confusing* about how old people are. From June 2023, all official documents must use *a / the* standard international age. It will be used for the legal ages for drinking, getting *marriage / married*, smoking, and military service. It should help *to / for* end legal and social problems caused *by / at* the old system. However, many people will continue to use the Korean age *on / in* informal situations. A Korean Twitter user was *relived / relieved* there is a new law to make things simpler. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger. I'm so happy. I *twisted / turned* two years old two weeks after I was born, as I was born in December. Finally, I'm about to get my *real / really* age back."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ n_w l_w _n S__th K_r__ m__ns S__th K_r__ns w_ll
b_ _ y__r _r tw_ y__ng_r. Th_ l_w w_s p_ss_d l_st
Th_rsd_y. B_f_r_ _t w_s p_ss_d, th_r_ w_r_ thr__
d_ff_r_nt w_ys th_t p__pl_ c__ld t_ll th__r _g_. S__th
K_r__ns c__ld h_v_ thr__ _g_s. _n_ w_s _n
"_nt_rn_t__n_l _g_". Th_s _s th_ s_m_ _s h_w m_st
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z_r_ _t b_rth _nd b_c_m_s _n_ y__r _ld _ y__r _ft_r
_t _s b_rn. Th_ s_c_nd w_s _ "K_r__n _g_". _nd_r
th_s syst_m, b_b__s _r_ c_ns_d_r_d _ y__r _ld _n th_
d_y th_y _r_ b_rn, _nd th_n _ y__r _s _dd_d _v_ry
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g". Th_s m_k_s b_b__s z_r_ y__rs _ld _t b_rth, _nd
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L_wm_k_rs h_p_ _t w_ll _nd c_nf_s__n _b__t h_w _ld
p__pl_ _r_. Fr_m J_n_ 2023, _ll _ff_c__l d_c_m_nts
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_s_d f_r th_ l_g_l _g_s f_r drnk_ng, g_tt_ng m_rr__d,
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l_g_l _nd s_c__l pr_bl_ms c__s_d by th_ _ld syst_m.
H_w_v_r, m_ny p__pl_ w_ll c_nt_n__ t_ _s_ th_ K_r__n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

a new law in south korea means south koreans will be a year or two younger the law was passed last thursday before it was passed there were three different ways that people could tell their age south koreans could have three ages one was an international age this is the same as how most people in the world calculate their age a baby is zero at birth and becomes one year old a year after it is born the second was a korean age under this system babies are considered a year old on the day they are born and then a year is added every january the 1st the third method was a calendar age this makes babies zero years old at birth and a year is added to their age every january the 1st

the new law simplifies age in south korea lawmakers hope it will end confusion about how old people are from june 2023 all official documents must use the standard international age it will be used for the legal ages for drinking getting married smoking and military service it should help to end legal and social problems caused by the old system however many people will continue to use the korean age in informal situations a korean twitter user was relieved there is a new law to make things simpler she tweeted ill become two years younger im so happy i turned two years old two weeks after i was born as i was born in december finally im about to get my real age back

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A new law in South Korea means South Koreans will be a year or two younger. The law was passed last Thursday. Before it was passed, there were three different ways that people could tell their age. South Koreans could have three ages. One was an "international age". This is the same as how most people in the world calculate their age. A baby is zero at birth and becomes one year old a year after it is born. The second was a "Korean age". Under this system, babies are considered a year old on the day they are born, and then a year is added every January the 1st. The third method was a "calendar age". This makes babies zero years old at birth, and a year is added to their age every January the 1st. The new law simplifies age in South Korea. Lawmakers hope it will end confusion about how old people are. From June 2023, all official documents must use the standard international age. It will be used for the legal ages for drinking, getting married, smoking, and military service. It should help to end legal and social problems caused by the old system. However, many people will continue to use the Korean age in informal situations. A Korean Twitter user was relieved there is a new law to make things simpler. She tweeted: "I'll become two years younger. I'm so happy. It 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."

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 out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AGE: Make a poster about age. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BEING YOUNGER: Write a magazine article about being younger. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on youth. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can stay more youthful. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. g | 2. d | 3. j | 4. a | 5. f |
| 6. i | 7. b | 8. e | 9. c | 10. h |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Last Thursday
2. Three
3. The international age
4. A year old
5. The Korean age
6. Age
7. June 2023
8. In informal situations
9. A Korean Twitter user
10. Her real age

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Different ways that people could tell their age.
2. Most people in the world calculate their age.
3. A year old on the day they're born.
4. This makes babies zero years old at birth.
5. The new law simplifies age in South Korea.
6. It'll end confusion about how old people are.
7. It's used for the legal ages for drinking.
8. Social problems caused by the old system.
9. I turned two years old two weeks after.
10. I'm about to get my real age back.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)