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Level 4 – 30th June 2025

North Korea to open beach resort to woo tourists

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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North Korea will open a beach resort to boost to its tourism industry. Brand new hotels will accommodate 20,000 guests. State media said the resort is the first of many to come. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony. He said the new destination was "the proud first step" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding its travel sector. He called it one of his country's "greatest feats" of the year.

The new resort will initially be for the domestic market. A Korean news agency reported that Russian tours would start in late July. Chinese tourists could visit later. A state official said: "We are monitoring the potential resumption of large-scale Chinese group tours...but no concrete signs have emerged yet." Chinese travellers used to make up more than 90 per cent of visitors. It is still unclear when other international guests will be able to visit.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/north-korea-tourism-coast-kim-jong-un-c26f24ea0f149b7153ddcf98397c07b5>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/26/north-korea-beach-resort-wonsan-kalma>
<https://www.koreaherald.com/article/10518549>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. open a | a. ribbon |
| 2. boost to its tourism | b. new hotels |
| 3. Brand | c. feats |
| 4. accommodate | d. industry |
| 5. the first of | e. ceremony |
| 6. cut the | f. 20,000 guests |
| 7. at the opening | g. beach resort |
| 8. one of his country's greatest | h. many to come |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. The new resort will initially be for | a. have emerged yet |
| 2. Russian | b. official |
| 3. start in late | c. resumption |
| 4. a state | d. tours |
| 5. We are monitoring the potential | e. up more than 90% |
| 6. no concrete signs | f. the domestic market |
| 7. Chinese travellers used to make | g. unclear |
| 8. It is still | h. July |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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North Korea will open a beach resort (1) _____ its tourism industry. Brand new (2) _____ 20,000 guests. State media said the resort is the (3) _____ to come. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (4) _____ at the opening ceremony. He said the new destination was "the (5) _____" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding its travel sector. He called it one of his country's (6) _____ the year.

The new resort will (7) _____ the domestic market. A Korean (8) _____ that Russian tours would start in late July. Chinese tourists could visit later. A state official said: "We are monitoring the potential (9) _____-scale Chinese group tours...but (10) _____ have emerged yet." Chinese travellers used to (11) _____ than 90 per cent of visitors. It is still unclear when other international guests will be (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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onatheopeningceremony.Hesaidthenewdestinationwas"theproudfi
rststep"towardfulfillingthenation'spolicyofexpandingitstravelsector
.Hecalleditoneofhiscountry's"greatestfeats"oftheyear.Thenewresor
twillinitiallybeforthedomesticmarket.AKoreannewsagencyreportedt
hatRussiantourswouldstartinlateJuly.Chinesetouristscouldvisitlater
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e-scaleChinesegrouptours...butnoconcretesignshaveemergedyet
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BEACH RESORTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2506/250630-north-korea-beach-resort-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about beach resorts 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) _____

