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Level 5 – 30th June 2025

North Korea to open beach resort to woo tourists

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Please try Levels 4 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. The tourist zone is on the east coast. Gleaming new hotels can accommodate 20,000 guests. State media said the flagship resort is the first of many planned developments. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at a lavish opening ceremony. He said the new destination was "the proud first step" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding its travel sector. He added that the resort would help to establish the tourist culture of North Korea. He called it one of his country's "greatest feats" of the year.

This new destination will initially cater to the domestic market. Officials say it will welcome foreign visitors. A Korean news agency reported that Russian tours would start in late July. An official stated that there could be more Chinese tourists. He said: "We are monitoring the potential resumption of large-scale Chinese group tours...but no concrete signs have emerged yet." Chinese travellers made up more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic. 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. boost to its | a. new hotels |
| 2. The tourist zone is | b. the ribbon |
| 3. gleaming | c. many |
| 4. accommodate | d. on the east coast |
| 5. the first of | e. ceremony |
| 6. Kim Jong Un cut | f. feats |
| 7. a lavish opening | g. tourism industry |
| 8. one of his country's greatest | h. 20,000 guests |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. initially cater | a. up more than 90 per cent |
| 2. it will welcome foreign | b. in late July |
| 3. tours would start | c. scale Chinese group tours |
| 4. We are monitoring the | d. when |
| 5. large- | e. to the domestic market |
| 6. no concrete signs | f. potential resumption |
| 7. Chinese travellers made | g. visitors |
| 8. It is still unclear | h. have emerged yet |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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North Korea will open a beach (1) _____ to its tourism industry. The tourist (2) _____ the east coast. Gleaming new hotels can accommodate 20,000 guests. State media said (3) _____ is the first of many planned developments. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at (4) _____ ceremony. He said the new destination was "the proud first step" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding (5) _____. He added that the resort would help to establish the tourist culture of North Korea. He called it one of his country's (6) _____ the year.

This new destination will (7) _____ the domestic market. Officials say it will welcome foreign visitors. A Korean (8) _____ that Russian tours would start in late July. An (9) _____ there could be more Chinese tourists. He said: "We are monitoring the potential resumption (10) _____ Chinese group tours...but no (11) _____ emerged yet." Chinese travellers made up more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic. It is (12) _____ other international guests will be able to visit.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NorthKoreawillopenabeachresorttoboosttoitstourismindustry.The touristzoneisontheeastcoast.Gleamingnewhotelscanaccommodate20,000guests.Statemediasaidtheflagshipresortisthefirstofmanyplanneddevelopments.NorthKoreanleaderKimJongUn-cuttheribbonattheopeningceremony.Hesaidthenewdestinationwas"theproudfirststep"towardfulfillingthenation'spolicyofexpandingitstravelsector.HeaddedthattheresortwouldhelptoestablishthetouristcultureofNorthKorea.Hecalleditoneofhiscountry's"greatestfeats"oftheyear.Thisnewdestinationwillinitiallycatertothedomesticmarket.Officials sayitwillwelcomeforeignvisitors.AKoreannewsagencyreportedthatRussiantouristswouldstartinlateJuly.AnofficialstatedthattherewouldbemoreChinesetourists.Hesaid:"Wearemonitoringthepotentialresumptionoflarge-scaleChinesegrouptours...butnoconcretesignshaveemergedyet."Chinesetravellersmadeupmorethan90percentofvisitorsbeforethecoronaviruspandemic.Itisstillunclearwhenotherinternationalguestswillbeabletovisit.

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) _____

