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North Korea to open beach resort to woo tourists

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THE ARTICLE

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North Korea will open a beach resort on Tuesday to provide a boost to its tourism industry. The Wonsan-Kalma tourist zone is on the east coast. Its gleaming new hotels can accommodate 20,000 guests. State media reported that the flagship resort is the first of many developments planned throughout the country. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at a lavish opening ceremony. He called the new destination "the proud first step" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding its travel sector. He added that the resort would "play a leading role in establishing the tourist culture" of North Korea. He also said it was one of the country's "greatest feats" of the year.

This new destination is North Korea's latest site for holidaymakers. It will initially cater to the domestic market, but officials say it will welcome foreign visitors. The Korean Central News Agency reported that Russian tours will start in late July. A state official stated that there could be an influx of Chinese tourists. "We are monitoring the potential resumption of large-scale Chinese group tours to North Korea, but no concrete signs have emerged yet." Chinese travellers constituted more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic. North Korea hasn't fully lifted a ban on foreign visitors that it imposed during COVID-19. It remains 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>

WARM-UPS

1. BEACH RESORTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about beach resorts. 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?

North Korea / beach resort / boost / tourism / new hotels / flagship / ribbon / travel / destination / holidaymakers / domestic / tours / potential / coronavirus / ban / visit

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

3. RESORTS: Students A **strongly** believe resorts in cities are better than resorts on beaches; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TOURISM: What are the positive and negative impacts of tourism? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Local citizens		
Air travel		
Water		
Trash		
Intercultural understanding		
Wildlife		

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

6. RESORTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Beach resorts
- Mountain resorts
- Spa resorts
- Gold resorts
- Desert resorts
- City resorts
- Rainforest resorts
- Arctic resorts

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. boost | a. Very rich, fancy, or full of expensive things. |
| 2. gleaming | b. Have space for people to stay or live. |
| 3. accommodate | c. Very clean and shiny; bright. |
| 4. flagship | d. Big actions or things that are done with skill or courage. |
| 5. lavish | e. A help or push that makes something better or stronger. |
| 6. sector | f. The best or most important thing in a group. |
| 7. feats | g. A part or area of something, like a country or the economy. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. cater | h. Inside one country; not foreign. |
| 9. domestic | i. Clear and certain; real. |
| 10. influx | j. Made up of, or formed. |
| 11. resumption | k. A large number of people or things coming in. |
| 12. concrete | l. Came out or became seen. |
| 13. emerged | m. Starting again after stopping. |
| 14. constituted | n. To give food or service to people. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. The new beach resort is an attempt to boost N. Korea's tourism sector. **T / F**
2. The new resort can accommodate 20,000 visitors. **T / F**
3. There are many ships with flags moored at the new resort. **T / F**
4. North Korea's leader said the resort was one of the greatest feats ever. **T / F**
5. At first, the resort is open only to North Korean tourists. **T / F**
6. Russians will be the first international visitors to stay at the resort. **T / F**
7. Chinese tourists currently make up 90% of all visitors to North Korea. **T / F**
8. International visitors will be able to visit the resort from next month. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. boost (noun) | a. expensive |
| 2. gleaming | b. achievements |
| 3. lavish | c. rush |
| 4. fulfilling | d. established |
| 5. feats | e. stimulus |
| 6. cater | f. succeeding in |
| 7. influx | g. definite |
| 8. resumption | h. shiny |
| 9. concrete (adjective) | i. continuation |
| 10. imposed | j. serve |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. accommodate | a. signs have emerged yet |
| 2. Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at a lavish | b. in late July |
| 3. the nation's policy of expanding | c. feats |
| 4. the resort would play | d. to the domestic market |
| 5. one of the country's greatest | e. its travel sector |
| 6. It will initially cater | f. unclear |
| 7. Russian tours will start | g. of Chinese tourists |
| 8. there could be an influx | h. a leading role |
| 9. no concrete | i. 20,000 guests |
| 10. It remains | j. opening ceremony |

GAP FILL

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

North Korea will open a beach resort on Tuesday to provide a (1) _____ to its tourism industry. The Wonsan-Kalma tourist zone is on the east coast. Its (2) _____ new hotels can accommodate 20,000 guests. State media reported that the (3) _____ resort is the first of many developments planned throughout the country. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the (4) _____ at a lavish opening ceremony. He called the new destination "the proud first (5) _____" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of (6) _____ its travel sector. He added that the resort would "play a leading (7) _____ in establishing the tourist culture" of North Korea. He also said it was one of the country's "greatest (8) _____" of the year.

flagship
step
feats
ribbon
boost
role
gleaming
expanding

This new destination is North Korea's latest site for (9) _____. It will initially (10) _____ to the domestic market, but officials say it will welcome foreign visitors. The Korean Central News Agency reported that Russian tours will start in (11) _____ July. A state official stated that there could be an (12) _____ of Chinese tourists. "We are monitoring the (13) _____ resumption of large-scale Chinese group tours to North Korea, but no (14) _____ signs have emerged yet." Chinese travellers constituted more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic. North Korea hasn't fully (15) _____ a ban on foreign visitors that it imposed during COVID-19. It (16) _____ unclear when other international guests will be able to visit.

potential
holidaymakers
lifted
late
remains
influx
cater
concrete

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) North Korea will open a beach resort on Tuesday to provide a boost to _____
 - a. its tourism industrial
 - b. its tourism industry
 - c. its tourism industrious
 - d. its tourism in dust tree
- 2) North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at a _____
 - a. lavish open in ceremony
 - b. lavish opening ceremonial
 - c. lavish opening ceremony
 - d. slavish opening ceremony
- 3) the proud first step toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding _____
 - a. its travel sector
 - b. its travel vector
 - c. its travel nectar
 - d. its travel hector
- 4) the resort would play a leading role in establishing _____
 - a. the tourist cultured
 - b. the tourist couture
 - c. the tourist creative
 - d. the tourist culture
- 5) He also said it was one of the _____
 - a. country's "greatest feats"
 - b. country's "greatest heats"
 - c. country's "greatest treats"
 - d. country's "greatest frets"
- 6) It will initially cater to _____
 - a. the domestique market
 - b. the domestic marquee
 - c. the domestic market
 - d. the domestic mark it
- 7) The Korean Central News Agency reported that Russian tours will start _____
 - a. in rate July
 - b. in late July
 - c. in last July
 - d. in latte July
- 8) A state official stated that there could _____
 - a. been an influx
 - b. be an influx
 - c. be an reflux
 - d. be an index
- 9) North Korea, but no concrete signs _____
 - a. have submerged yet
 - b. have merged yet
 - c. have emerged yet
 - d. have emergency yet
- 10) North Korea hasn't fully lifted a ban on foreign visitors _____
 - a. that it an posed
 - b. that it reposed
 - c. that it in posed
 - d. that it imposed

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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This new destination is North Korea's latest (7) _____. It will (8) _____ the domestic market, but officials say it will welcome foreign visitors. The Korean Central News Agency reported that Russian tours will start in late July. A (9) _____ that there could be an influx of Chinese tourists. "We are monitoring the (10) _____ large-scale Chinese group tours to North Korea, but no concrete signs (11) _____." Chinese travellers constituted more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic. North Korea hasn't fully lifted a ban on foreign visitors that it imposed during COVID-19. (12) _____ when other international guests will be able to visit.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the new resort intended to boost?
2. How many people can stay at the resort at any one time?
3. What did North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un cut?
4. What kind of opening ceremony was it?
5. What did North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un call the resort?
6. Who will the resort cater to at first?
7. When will Russian tourists be able to stay at the resort?
8. What does the article say there could be an influx of?
9. Before COVID-19, what percentage of tourists in N. Korea were Chinese?
10. When will international visitors get to stay at the resort?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is the new resort intended to boost?
 - a) North Korea's image
 - b) North Korea's tourism industry
 - c) North Korea's resort numbers
 - d) North Korea's hospitality service
- 2) How many people can stay at the resort at any one time?
 - a) 70,000
 - b) 50,000
 - c) 32,000
 - d) 20,000
- 3) What did North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un cut?
 - a) some paper
 - b) a rope
 - c) a ribbon
 - d) a lock of hair
- 4) What kind of opening ceremony was it?
 - a) a lavish one
 - b) a simple one
 - c) a momentous one
 - d) a historic one
- 5) What did North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un call the resort?
 - a) amazing
 - b) one of N. Korea's greatest feats of the year
 - c) the greatest resort in the world
 - d) a masterpiece
- 6) Who will the resort cater to at first?
 - a) the domestic market
 - b) the workers who built it
 - c) the staff who will work there
 - d) children
- 7) When will Russian tourists be able to stay at the resort?
 - a) immediately
 - b) in six months
 - c) in late July
 - d) from September
- 8) What does the article say there could be an influx of?
 - a) Chinese tourists
 - b) diplomats
 - c) tour groups
 - d) high-end travellers
- 9) Before COVID-19, what percentage of tourists in N. Korea were Chinese?
 - a) just less than 90%
 - b) around 90%
 - c) exactly 90%
 - d) more than 90%
- 10) When will international visitors get to stay at the resort?
 - a) from late July
 - b) After COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.
 - c) It's still unclear.
 - d) next year

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Beach Resorts

You think beach resorts are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their resorts. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): mountain resorts, desert resorts or arctic resorts.

Role B – Mountain Resorts

You think mountain resorts are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their resorts. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): beach resorts, desert resorts or arctic resorts.

Role C – Desert Resorts

You think desert resorts are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their resorts. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): mountain resorts, beach resorts or arctic resorts.

Role D – Arctic Resorts

You think arctic resorts are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their resorts. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): mountain resorts, desert resorts or beach resorts.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'beach' and 'resort'.

beach	resort
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- 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">• boost• zone• many• cut• first• year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• latest• welcome• late• concrete• fully• unclear
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BEACH RESORTS SURVEY

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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.

BEACH RESORTS 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 'beach'?
3. What do you think of beach resorts?
4. Which are better, beach resorts or mountain resorts?
5. How is the tourism in your country?
6. Would you like to visit North Korea?
7. Are hotels the best types of accommodation?
8. What are the good things about beach resorts?
9. What is your country's greatest feat of recent years?
10. What advice do you have for North Korea's tourism officials?

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BEACH RESORTS 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 'resort'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Do you like being a holidaymaker?
15. Which beach would you like to visit?
16. What do you think of tour groups?
17. Which countries are top of your bucket list?
18. Are beach resorts or city hotels better places to stay?
19. What do you think of your country's top destination?
20. What questions would you like to ask North Korea's leader?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) beast | (b) baste | (c) boast | (d) boost |
| 2. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) of | (d) on |
| 3. | (a) what | (b) that | (c) such | (d) like |
| 4. | (a) outlandish | (b) lava | (c) lavish | (d) dovish |
| 5. | (a) vector | (b) nectar | (c) sector | (d) proctor |
| 6. | (a) feats | (b) toes | (c) heels | (d) ankles |
| 7. | (a) crater | (b) cater | (c) clatter | (d) canter |
| 8. | (a) welcome | (b) greeting | (c) pleasure | (d) visit |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) by | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) cement | (b) plaster | (c) concrete | (d) adhesive |
| 11. | (a) upped | (b) heightened | (c) lifted | (d) elevated |
| 12. | (a) still | (b) stills | (c) remaining | (d) remains |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. provide a boost to its tourism isytnurd
2. omdacetmoac 20,000 guests
3. cut the ribbon at a vliash opening ceremony
4. the new itoiadnsetn
5. litsahibseng the tourist culture
6. one of the country's greatest ftesa

Paragraph 2

7. It will initially recta to the domestic market
8. an linxuf of Chinese tourists
9. We are monitoring the potential rioetmnusp
10. no concrete signs have eemrdge yet
11. Chinese travellers utcnchtsieto more than 90 per cent
12. before the coronavirus necidpma

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 20,000 guests. State media reported that the flagship resort is the first of many developments planned
- () ceremony. He called the new destination "the proud first step" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding
- () during COVID-19. It remains unclear when other international guests will be able to visit.
- () in establishing the tourist culture" of North Korea. He also said it was one of the country's "greatest feats" of the year.
- () its travel sector. He added that the resort would "play a leading role
- () market, but officials say it will welcome foreign visitors. The Korean Central News Agency reported that Russian tours
- () monitoring the potential resumption of large-scale Chinese group tours to North Korea, but no concrete
- (**1**) North Korea will open a beach resort on Tuesday to provide a boost to its tourism industry. The Wonsan-Kalma tourist
- () signs have emerged yet." Chinese travellers constituted more than 90 per cent of visitors before
- () the coronavirus pandemic. North Korea hasn't fully lifted a ban on foreign visitors that it imposed
- () This new destination is North Korea's latest site for holidaymakers. It will initially cater to the domestic
- () throughout the country. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at a lavish opening
- () will start in late July. A state official stated that there could be an influx of Chinese tourists. "We are
- () zone is on the east coast. Its gleaming new hotels can accommodate

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. Provide industry to its tourism a boost .
2. The first is of flagship resort the many .
3. The nation's of policy travel its sector expanding .
4. Play establishing culture tourist leading a in role .
5. It feats one the of was country's greatest .
6. It cater market will to initially the domestic .
7. There could of influx an Chinese tourists be .
8. The Chinese potential group large-scale of tours resumption
9. Chinese more visitors 90% than constituted travellers of .
10. It a ban hasn't lifted on fully visitors .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

North Korea will open a beach resort on Tuesday to provide a *boast* / *boost* to its tourism *industry* / *industrial*. The Wonsan-Kalma tourist zone is on the east coast. Its *gleaming* / *gleaning* new hotels can accommodate 20,000 guests. State *medium* / *media* reported that the flagship resort is the first of many *develops* / *developments* planned throughout the country. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon *to* / *at* a lavish opening ceremony. He called the new destination "the *proud* / *pride* first step" toward fulfilling the nation's policy *of* / *on* expanding its travel sector. He added that the resort would "play a leading role *in* / *at* establishing the tourist culture" of North Korea. He also said it was one of the country's "greatest feats" *on* / *of* the year.

This new destination is North Korea's latest site for holidaymakers. It will initially cater *to* / *at* the domestic market, but officials say *that* / *it* will welcome foreign visitors. The Korean Central News Agency reported *what* / *that* Russian tours will start *on* / *in* late July. A state official stated that there could be an *influx* / *flux* of Chinese tourists. "We are monitoring the potential resumption of large-scale Chinese *grouped* / *group* tours to North Korea, but no concrete signs have *emerged* / *emergence* yet." Chinese travellers constituted more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic. North Korea hasn't *fully* / *full* lifted a ban on foreign visitors that it imposed during COVID-19. It remains unclear when *another* / *other* international guests will be able *to* / *for* visit.

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_rth K_r__ w_ll _p_n _ b__ch r_s_rt _n T__sd_y t_ pr_v_d_ _ b__st t_ _ts t__r_sm _nd_stry. Th_ W_ns_n- K_lm_ t__r_st z_n_ _s _n th_ __st c__st. _ts gl__m_ng n_w h_t_ls c_n _cc_mm_d_t_ 20,000 g__sts. St_t_ m_d__ r_p_rt_d th_t th_ fl_gsh_p r_s_rt _s th_ f_rst _f m_ny d_v_l_pm_nts pl_nn_d thr__gh__t th_ c__ntry. N_rth K_r__n l__d_r K_m J_ng _n c_t th_ r_bb_n _t _ l_v_sh _p_n_ng c_r_m_ny. H_ c_ll_d th_ n_w d_st_n_t__n "th_ pr__d f_rst st_p" t_w_rd f_lf_ll_ng th_ n_t__n's p_l_cy _f _xp_nd_ng _ts tr_v_l s_ct_r. H_ _dd_d th_t th_ r_s_rt w__ld "pl_y _ l__d_ng r_l_ _n _st_bl_sh_ng th_ t__r_st c_lt_r_" _f N_rth K_r__. H_ _ls_ s__d _t w_s _n_ _f th_ c__ntry's "gr__t_st f__ts" _f th_ y__r.

Th_s n_w d_st_n_t__n _s N_rth K_r__'s l_t_st s_t_ f_r h_l_d_ym_k_rs. _t w_ll _n_t__lly c_t_r t_ th_ d_m_st_c m_rk_t, b_t _ff_c__ls s_y _t w_ll w_lc_m_ f_r__gn v_s_t_rs. Th_ K_r__n C_ntr_l N_ws _g_ncy r_p_rt_d th_t R_ss__n t__rs w_ll st_rt _n l_t_ J_ly. _ st_t_ _ff_c__l st_t_d th_t th_r_ c__ld b_ _n _nfl_x _f Ch_n_s_ t__r_sts. "W_ _r_ m_n_t_r_ng th_ p_t_nt__l r_s_mpt__n _f l_rg_-sc_l_ Ch_n_s_ gr__p t__rs t_ N_rth K_r__, b_t n_ c_ncr_t_ s_gns h_v_ _m_rg_d y_t." Ch_n_s_ tr_v_ll_rs c_nst_t_t_d m_r_ th_n 90 p_r c_nt _f v_s_t_rs b_f_r_ th_ c_r_n_v_r_s p_nd_m_c. N_rth K_r__ h_sn't f_lly l_ft_d _ b_n _n f_r__gn v_s_t_rs th_t _t _mp_s_d d_r_ng C_V_D-19. _t r_m__ns _ncl__r wh_n _th_r _nt_rn_t__n_l g__sts w_ll b_ _bl_ t_ v_s_t.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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north korea will open a beach resort on tuesday to provide a boost to its tourism industry the wonsan kalma tourist zone is on the east coast its gleaming new hotels can accommodate 20000 guests state media reported that the flagship resort is the first of many developments planned throughout the country north korean leader kim jong un cut the ribbon at a lavish opening ceremony he called the new destination the proud first step toward fulfilling the nations policy of expanding its travel sector he added that the resort would play a leading role in establishing the tourist culture of north korea he also said it was one of the countrys greatest feats of the year this new destination is north koreas latest site for holidaymakers it will initially cater to the domestic market but officials say it will welcome foreign visitors the korean central news agency reported that russian tours will start in late july a state official stated that there could be an influx of chinese tourists we are monitoring the potential resumption of largescale chinese group tours to north korea but no concrete signs have emerged yet chinese travellers constituted more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic north korea isnt fully lifted a ban on foreign visitors that it imposed during covid19 it remains unclear when other international guests will be able to visit

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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North Korea will open a beach resort on Tuesday to provide a boost to its tourism industry. The Wonsan-Kalma tourist zone is on the east coast. Its gleaming new hotels can accommodate 20,000 guests. State media reported that the flagship resort is the first of many developments planned throughout the country. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon at a lavish opening ceremony. He called the new destination "the proud first step" toward fulfilling the nation's policy of expanding its travel sector. He added that the resort would "play a leading role in establishing the tourist culture" of North Korea. He also said it was one of the country's "greatest feats" of the year. This new destination is North Korea's latest site for holiday makers. It will initially cater to the domestic market, but officials say it will welcome foreign visitors. The Korean Central News Agency reported that Russian tours will start in late July. A state official stated that there could be an influx of Chinese tourists. "We are monitoring the potential resumption of large-scale Chinese group tours to North Korea, but no concrete signs have emerged yet." Chinese travellers constituted more than 90 per cent of visitors before the coronavirus pandemic. North Korea hasn't fully lifted a ban on foreign visitors that it imposed during COVID-19. It remains unclear when other international guests will be able to visit.

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. BEACH RESORTS: Make a poster about beach resorts. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TOURISM: Write a magazine article about tourism. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 beach resorts. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make them better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. North Korea's tourism industry
2. 20,000
3. A ribbon
4. A lavish one
5. One of N. Korea's "greatest feats" of the year
6. The domestic market
7. In late July
8. Chinese tourists
9. More than 90%
10. It's still unclear

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Provide a boost to its tourism industry.
2. The flagship resort is the first of many.
3. The nation's policy of expanding its travel sector.
4. Play a leading role in establishing tourist culture.
5. It was one of the country's greatest feats.
6. It will initially cater to the domestic market.
7. There could be an influx of Chinese tourists.
8. The potential resumption of large-scale Chinese group tours.
9. Chinese travellers constituted more than 90% of visitors.
10. It hasn't fully lifted a ban on visitors.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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