

KIM JONG-IL

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Kim Jong-il was born in 1941 in the Soviet Union. North Korea's official biographies state his year of birth as 1942 and his birthplace as Korea. He was the leader of North Korea for over a decade. Since Kim was not actually the president, he never had to hold elections to keep power. He died from natural causes in December 2011.

North Koreans learn that a double rainbow over the mountains and a new star in the heavens announced Kim Jong-il's birth. They are also taught that he was the world's greatest and kindest ruler. They call him "Dear Leader". It is extremely dangerous for any North Korean to say anything negative about him. He was leader of the world's fourth largest army.

He spent the first three years of his life in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official records say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports claim he went to school in China to escape the Korean War. He was involved in political activities throughout his schooling. At university he studied Marxism, philosophy and military science.

Kim left behind a daughter and three sons, but there is no official information about his marital history. His hobbies included collecting cars and watching movies. He had many luxury Mercedes and over 20,000 videos. His favorite films included the James Bond series. He also loved golf. North Korea's government reports that Kim got up to four holes-in-one every time he played.

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. biographies | a. really |
| 2. state | b. very |
| 3. actually | c. say |
| 4. announced | d. life stories |
| 5. extremely | e. bad |
| 6. negative | f. said |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 7. official | g. get away |
| 8. escape | h. marriage |
| 9. schooling | i. approved |
| 10. marital | j. adored |
| 11. films | k. education |
| 12. loved | l. movies |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. North Korea's official | a. Kim Jong-il's birth |
| 2. he never had to hold | b. every time he played |
| 3. a new star in the heavens announced | c. biographies |
| 4. It is extremely | d. activities |
| 5. He was leader of the world's | e. elections to keep power |
| 6. He spent the first three years of | f. history |
| 7. He was involved in political | g. dangerous |
| 8. marital | h. his life in the Soviet Union |
| 9. His hobbies included | i. fourth largest army |
| 10. Kim got up to four holes-in-one | j. collecting cars |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Kim Jong-il was born in 1941 in the Soviet Union. North Korea's _____ state his year of birth as 1942 and his birthplace as Korea. He was the leader of North Korea _____. Since Kim was not actually the president, he _____ elections to keep power. He died from _____ December 2011.

North Koreans learn that a double rainbow over the mountains and _____ heavens announced Kim Jong-il's birth. They are also _____ world's greatest and kindest ruler. They call him "Dear Leader". It is _____ for any North Korean to say anything _____. He was leader of the world's fourth largest army.

He spent _____ of his life in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official records say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports _____ school in China to escape the Korean War. He was involved in political activities _____ schooling. At university he studied Marxism, philosophy _____.

Kim _____ daughter and three sons, but there is no official information about his _____. His hobbies included collecting cars and watching movies. He had many luxury Mercedes and over 20,000 videos. His favorite _____ James Bond series. He also loved golf. North Korea's government reports that Kim got up to _____ every time he played.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Kim Jong-il was *birth* / *born* in 1941 in the Soviet Union. North Korea's official biographies *state* / *states* his year of birth as 1942 and his birthplace as Korea. He was the leader of North Korea for over a decade. Since Kim was not *actual* / *actually* the president, he never had to hold elections to keep power. He died from natural *caused* / *causes* in December 2011.

North Koreans learn that a double rainbow over the mountains and a new star *on* / *in* the heavens announced Kim Jong-il's birth. They are also *learned* / *taught* that he was the world's greatest and kindest ruler. They call him "Dear Leader". It is extremely *dangerous* / *danger* for any North Korean to say anything negative about him. He was leader of the world's *forth* / *fourth* largest army.

He spent the first three years of his *living* / *life* in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official *record* / *records* say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports claim he went to school in China *to* / *for* escape the Korean War. He was involved in political activities *throughout* / *inside out* his schooling. At university he studied Marxism, philosophy and military science.

Kim *left* / *right* behind a daughter and three sons, but there is no *office* / *official* information about his marital history. His hobbies included *collection* / *collecting* cars and watching movies. He had many luxury Mercedes and over 20,000 videos. His favorite films included the James Bond *series* / *serious*. He also loved golf. North Korea's government reports that Kim got up to four holes-in-one every time he played.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. facfiloi biographies, however, state his year of birth as 1942
2. ... and his rctiehlbpa as Korea
3. leader of North Korea for over a aeddce
4. he never had to hold seelcnoti to keep power

Paragraph 2

5. a uolebd rainbow over the mountains
6. a new star in the eaevshn
7. the world's greatest and nstdiek ruler
8. dangerous for any North Korean to say anything evgenait

Paragraph 3

9. ... and was onwkn as Yuri
10. he was tueeddca in Pyongyang
11. He was odnvevil in political activities
12. he studied Marxism, philosophy and military niceecs

Paragraph 4

13. his aliartm history
14. His hobbies ieunecl collecting cars
15. He had many yulrxu Mercedes
16. the James Bond eisres

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () He spent the first three years of his life in the Soviet Union and was known as Yuri. Official records
- () included the James Bond series. He also loved golf. North Korea's government
- () keep power. He died from natural causes in December 2011.
- () reports that Kim got up to four holes-in-one every time he played.
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- () Kim left behind a daughter and three sons, but there is no official information about his marital history. His hobbies
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- () say he was educated in Pyongyang. Foreign reports claim he went to school in China to
- () escape the Korean War. He was involved
- () dangerous for any North Korean to say anything negative about him. He is leader of the world's fourth largest army.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

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KIM JONG-IL DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about Kim Jong-il?
2. Would you like to have met Kim Jong-il?
3. What would you like to know about Kim Jong-il and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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KIM JONG-IL DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Kim Jong-il?
2. What questions would you like to have asked Kim Jong-il?
3. What would his answers have been to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

KIM JONG-IL SURVEY:

Write five questions about Kim Jong-il in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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 more information about Kim Jong-il. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. KIM JONG-IL POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Kim Jong-il. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Kim Jong-il. Include an imaginary interview with his supporters. Write about what he did every day and what he thought about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a Kim Jong-il expert. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him three suggestions on how he could have done things differently. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Kim Jong-il expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.