

Title: Korea

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

spirit

observatory

peninsula

enthusiasm

competition

1. The class's _____ for the project meant they would work hard.
2. Her positive _____ made everyone she met happy.
3. We are going to the _____ tonight to see the stars.
4. This is not a(n) _____ because it has water on all four sides.
5. We are in a(n) _____ with those kids to see who can collect more cans.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. China is east of Korea. T / F
2. Korea's first university started in 1372. T / F
3. Today, almost all Korean people can write in Chinese. T / F
4. Today, women in Korea are teaching school more than ever before. T / F
5. The oldest observatory in Asia is on Jeju Island. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Korea's miracle happened because of (hard work / money).
2. Chinese letters were not (easy / hard) for common people to learn.
3. In the 1600s, Korea was far (ahead / behind) other countries.
4. (Seoul Tower / Seoraksan) is a place to go to get a good view of the capital.
5. "Seoraksan" means "(summer / winter) mountain."

C. Choose the best answer.

1. What is giant about Korea?

- a. Its people
- b. Its size
- c. Its economy
- d. Its mountains

2. What does the book say about Koreans who don't study hard?

- a. They may not get good grades.
- b. They may not get good jobs.
- c. They may not have happy lives.
- d. They may not have happy families.

3. According to the book, what does almost every home in Korea have?

- a. A smartphone
- b. A Korean car
- c. High-speed Internet
- d. Samsung products

4. According to the book, which is NOT true about "Gangnam Style"?

- a. It was seen by hundreds of millions of people.
- b. It was a number-one song in many countries.
- c. It was a hit in 2012.
- d. It was the winner of many awards.

5. Which is NOT mentioned as something to see in Seoul?

- a. Temples
- b. Museums
- c. Palaces
- d. Markets

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

education	invented	economy	shipyards	miracle
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There are two Koreas: North Korea and South Korea. While they are both on the Korean peninsula, South Korea is often just called "Korea." Its closest neighbors are North Korea, China and Japan. Korea is a small country, but it is a giant when it comes to its _____. Today Korea is very modern. The hard work of its people and their enthusiasm for _____ helped Korea become a _____. Korea has a long and rich history. A love for school has always been part of that. Today school and work in Korea are very competitive. In the past, Koreans _____ many things, including *Hangeul*. However, it fell behind. But that is not true today. Today Korea is very modern and has many top companies. It builds cars and cell phones, and its _____ are always busy. Seoul is Korea's capital. It has ten million people in it. Korean movies and music are popular all over the world. Korea is a country full of old and new things.