

## Reading Exercise:

### Grandpa's letters

My grandpa used to be a North Korean high-ranked official, and he escaped from the country many years ago. I found some of the letters he used to write for his girlfriend, which he never sent for obvious reasons, and I wanted to show them to you.

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Dear Hye,

I've discovered so many terrible things, you wouldn't imagine what I know now. Tomorrow I'll go to Sinuiju with the excuse of getting some documents, and then I'll get out of the country. I wish I could stay with you in my beloved country, but this thing I discovered today could make us both be killed.

I love you,

Kwan.

2

Dear Hye,

I'll have to spend the night at Sinuiju's military base. I hope they don't suspect anything, otherwise I'll be dead by the morning. But if everything goes as I planned, then I'll be in China tomorrow, and in a few weeks, I'll probably arrive in South Korea. Wish me luck.

Yours,

Kwan.

3

Dear Hye,

Do you remember what I told you about the dangers I faced in China? Well, South Korea isn't so different. But I must admit that South Korea is a very advanced country, I'm sure North Korea will be like this too one day.

Anyway, today I have good news for you. I got a job in a South American country named Suriname; I'll work as a translator. I know it won't be easy because my Dutch isn't so good, but I'll do my best.

Wish me luck,

Kwan.

4

Dear Hye,

Tell me it isn't true, please. I heard about the flood; I hope you are not dead because of it. And if you are, don't worry, I'll keep writing to keep you alive in my letters, in my memories.

Words cannot and will never be able to express how I feel now. I'll be always far from you, and I'll never be able to contact with you. My heart hurts a lot, especially because I'll never know what really happened to you.

I hold you in my thoughts,

Kwan.

**1. Match the countries with their flags and what happened in them according to the letters. Please, match first the flags with their names, and then match the with the actions.**



**Surinam**

**Is as dangerous as China**

**China**

**Kwan works as a translator in this country**

**North Korea**

**Kwan is from this country**

**South Korea**

**Kwan faced many dangers in this country**

**2. Select the correct answer.**

- ☐ What's the name of Kwan's girlfriend?
- ☐ Will Kwan ever see his girlfriend again?
- ☐ Did Kwan send the letters to his girlfriend?
- ☐ How many letters did the grandson showed?
- ☐ Where did Kwan begin his journey?

**3. Check the complementary closes that were NOT written in the letters.**

\_\_\_ I love you,

\_\_\_ Wish me luck,

\_\_\_ Regards,

\_\_\_ I hold you in my hands,

\_\_\_ Best wishes,

\_\_\_ I hold you in my thoughts,

**4. Complete the fragments of the letters and choose the number of the letter in which they appear. Use contractions only for negatives.**

- But if everything goes as I planned, then I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in China tomorrow.
- Tomorrow I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Sinuiju with the excuse of getting some documents.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) always far from you, and I \_\_\_\_\_ (never be able) to contact with you.
- I got a job in a South American country named Surinam, I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a translator. I know it \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) easy.