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You have found a blog entry about someone's personal experience during Korean New Year. Read the blog entry about personal experience.

Text 2 Blog entry about personal thoughts



Great start to the New Year!

① As per our longstanding tradition, my family returned to Seoul for Korean New Year.

- ② On New Year's Day, we dressed up in *hanboks*, which, if you haven't heard of them, are traditional Korean clothes with bright striking colours that remind you of springtime. The last time I saw my relatives was at the previous year's celebrations, so it was wonderful to see their smiling faces again. There was also a new face – my adorable baby cousin Seo-yeon!
- I bowed respectfully to my grandparents and gave them a New Year gift of traditional Korean herbal medicines. They gave me some New Year money. Though there were only ten of us there, my aunts prepared a traditional meal large enough to feed an army!
- There was rice cake soup, a pot of spicy beef stew and a tall stack of Korean pancakes. Everything was unbelievably delicious. I wish I wore looser clothing, because I was stuffed!



My baby cousin Seo-yeon looks cute in her little hanbok!



These were my favourite!

③ After lunch, my cousins insisted on seeing a film, so we cycled to the cinema. Sitting right in front of me was a tall young man, so I could barely see any of the action onscreen! At the time, I thought this was very unfair and felt extremely annoyed, but when the lights came back on, I saw that it was Chanyeol, the K-pop star! I shook my cousin's shoulder to get her attention, but Chanyeol was already gone ... She thought I made the whole thing up!

- ④ Still, this was the coolest New Year ever! I'm grateful to have a family that welcomes us back with open arms at this important holiday every year, even though we spend the rest of the year on a completely different continent!

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Comprehension 2 *Your teacher wants to know if you understand the blog entry. Answer her questions using information from the blog entry. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 The blogger's family has _____.

- A never been to Seoul before
- B been to Seoul once previously
- C been to Seoul a number of times
- D lived in Seoul for many years

A B C D
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2 i) What are *hanboks*?



ii) Why do you think the blogger says that the colour of hanboks 'remind you of springtime'?

3 Who does 'their' refer to in line 8?

4 Find words in paragraph 2 that mean the same as the following:

- i) with politeness
- ii) cute
- iii) pile

5 How many people were at the New Year meal?

6 Who was the 'new face' (line 9)?

7 What does the writer mean when she or he says there 'large enough food to feed an army'?

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8 Why was the blogger not happy with the tall man at the cinema?

9 How did the blogger feel after she realized who the tall man was?

A unfair

B embarrassed

C pleased

D excited

A B C D

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10 Why do you think the blogger's cousin think she or he 'made the whole thing up'?

11 Put the events below in the correct order. Number the events (1–7).

The blogger ate traditional Korean food.

The blogger put on a *hanbok*.

The blogger and his/her cousins rode bicycles.

The blogger and his/her cousins decided to see a film.

The blogger saw Chanyeol.

The blogger visited his/her grandparents.

The blogger's cousin thought she/he was lying.



12 Do you think the blogger has a good or bad relationship with her/his family in South Korea? Explain your answer.
