

Interview a Supreme Leader

An extension of "Behind the smile of North Korea's Supreme Leader"

Kim Jong-un, the Supreme Leader of North Korea, seems jolly and harmless when he appears in public. But, there is another side to this leader. Read "**Behind the smile of North Korea's Supreme Leader**" (page 11, *What's Up* July 2018) to find out more.

Wouldn't it be interesting to interview Mr Kim to find out what his ideas and beliefs are? This activity is your chance to explore what it feels like to do that.

1. **Prepare for your interview** — Work in pairs. Imagine that you are a reporter for *What's Up*. You have been tasked to interview Mr Kim on his visit to Singapore.
 - a) To prepare for the interview, read the *What's Up* article.
 - b) As a pair, create a list of five questions you would ask Mr Kim.
 - c) Take turns explaining why you have chosen these five questions.
2. **Role-play your interview** — Volunteer to role-play the actual interview using the questions you have prepared. One of you will act as Mr Kim, and the other will play the reporter. Make time for two or three pairs to present to your class.



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3. As a whole class, take a few minutes to respond to the following questions:

- Did the reporters ask good questions?
- What were some of them?
- What exactly made them good questions?
- Were the actors playing Mr Kim convincing?
- Did they represent the leader's beliefs well?
- Did they capture his personality?
- What can we learn from the interviews?
- What were some memorable answers?
- How might Mr Kim's ideas affect the world?