

The Story of All of Us

A Collaborative Workshops with North Korean Defector Students and South Korean Students

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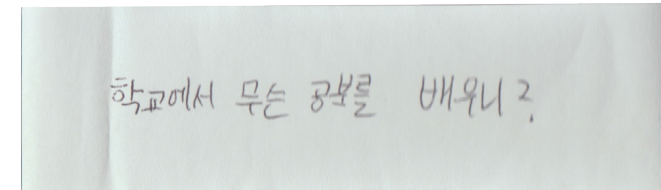
Keebaik Sim, uses art, design, and technology to provide a platform for communication among individuals living in the same era. His thesis project was rooted in building communication with North Korean defectors after discovering the isolated individuals trapped in walls of different political and historical prejudices in Korea. After graduating from ADPD, he returned to Korea and established NGO, Urban Platz, with a grant awarded by the Seoul Metropolitan Government. He initiated a series of collaborative workshops over the two months with North Korean alternative school students and students who grew up in South Korea attending nearby schools in Seocho-gu, Seoul who categorized themselves as 'defectors' versus 'locals'.

The Story of All of Us includes a book with interviews and drawings of students based on their visions of each other before meeting for the first time. Sim met with students from each school for cultural training before students all met with each other to discuss any misconceptions they might have and to help students develop a better understanding of each group's diverse backgrounds. Students went through the process of asking and answering questions of each other through the use of a glass jar containing notes they wrote. The images on the right are the questions by the participating students. Further, they wrote letters describing their looks and drew each others' faces using their descriptions and imaginations. Sim presented a way for students attending North Korean alternative schools to become friends with neighboring school students who previously felt like strangers separated by a closed border.

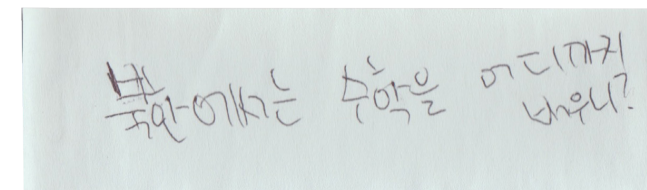
Please scan the QR Codes for interviews with North Korean defector students, South Korean Students, and the video of a series of workshops.

Questions to students who came from North Korea

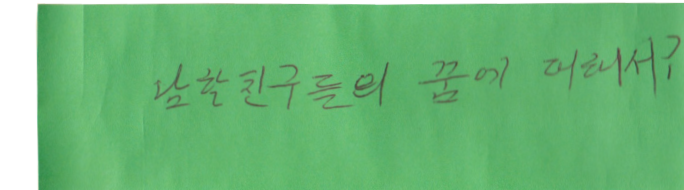
Questions to students who grew up in South Korea



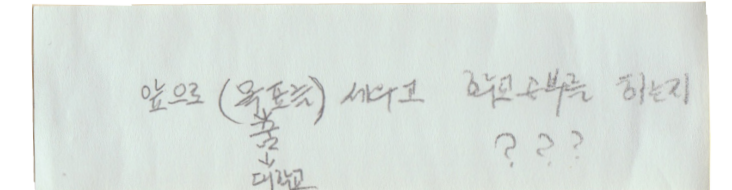
What do you learn in school?



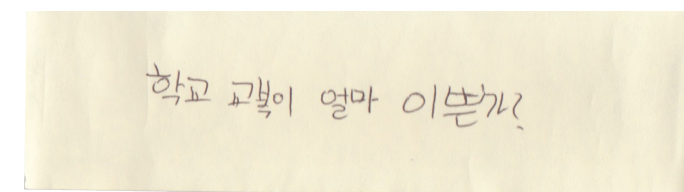
How far do you cover math?



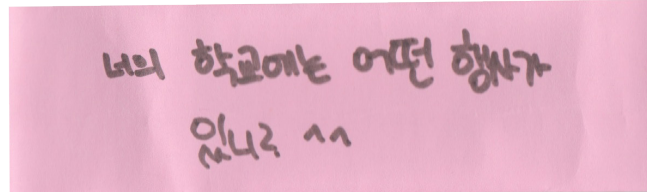
About South Korean students' dream?



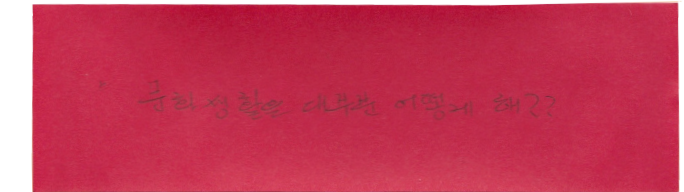
Do you study after setting your goal?



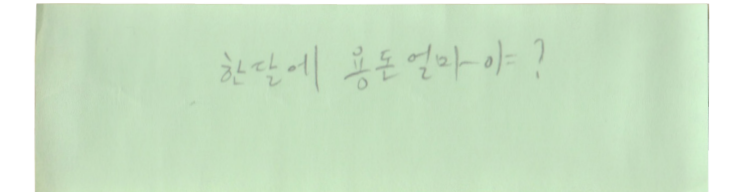
How pretty is your school uniform?



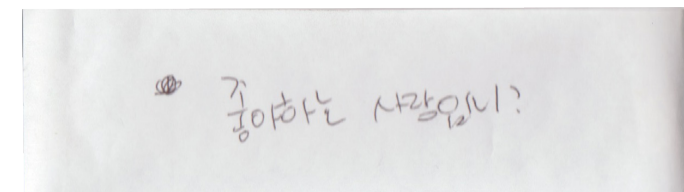
What kind of school events do you have?



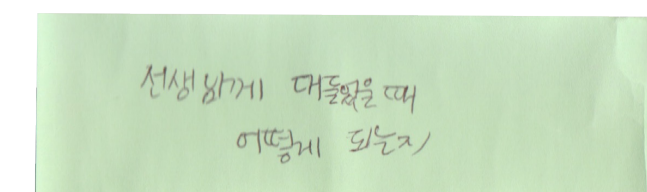
What kind of cultural life do you guys have?



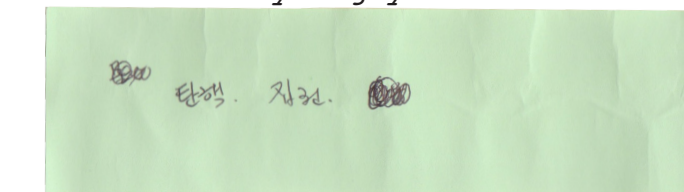
How much pocket money do you use in a month?



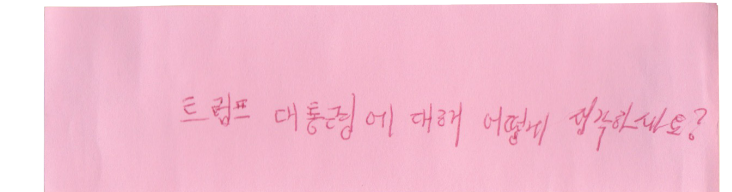
Do you have someone you like?



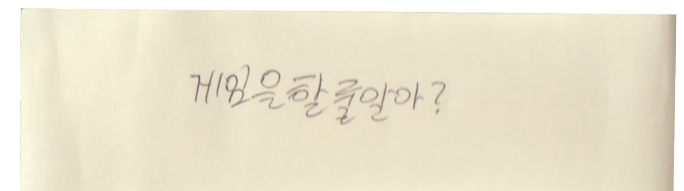
What happens if a student disrespects their teacher?



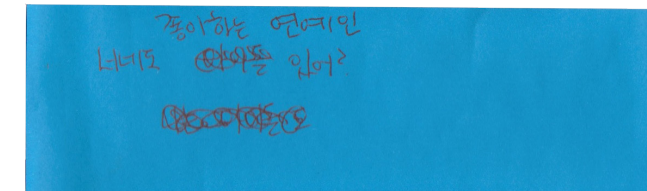
Impeachment, seize power



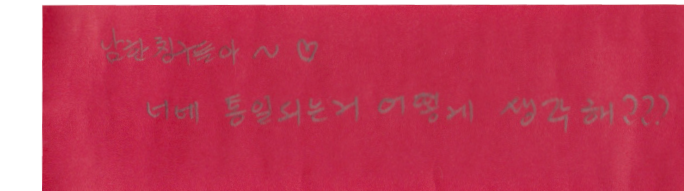
What do you think about President Trump?



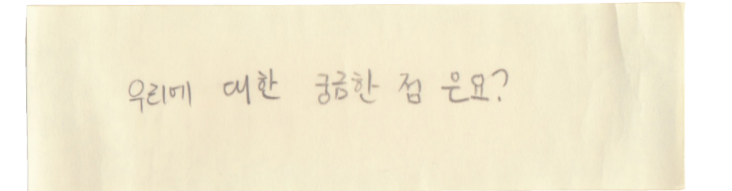
Do you know how to play computer games?



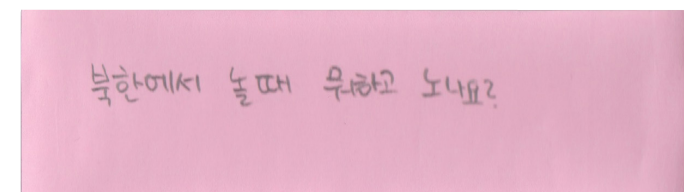
Do you also have celebrities that you like?



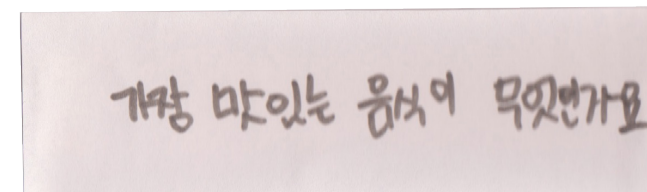
South Korean friends ~<3 What do you think about the unification???



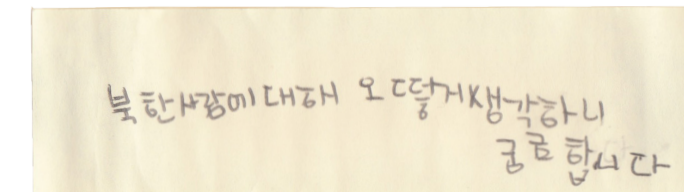
Do you have any questions about us?



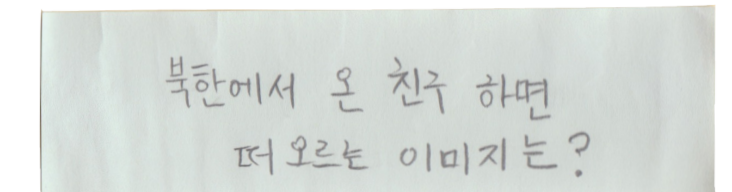
How do you hang out?



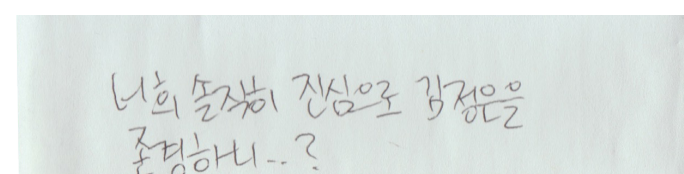
What is the most delicious food?



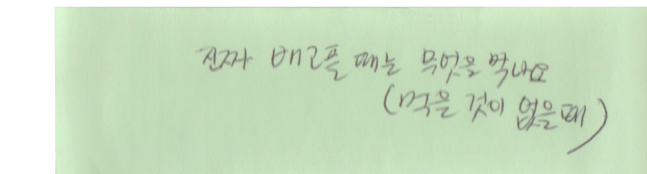
How do you think about North Koreans? I'm curious.



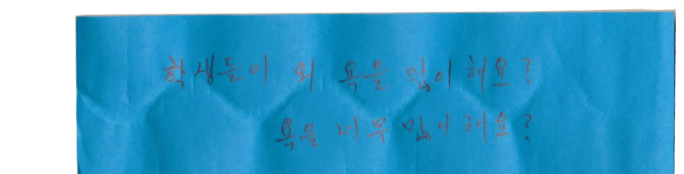
How is the general image of a North Korean person?



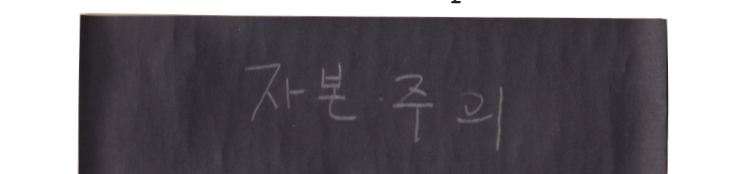
Do you sincerely respect Kim Jong-un?



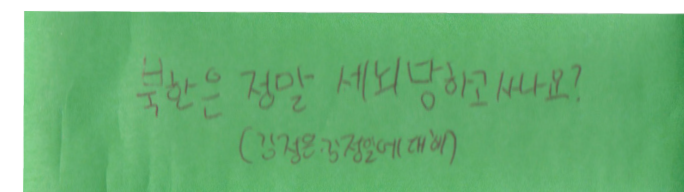
What do you eat when you are starving? (When there is nothing to eat.)



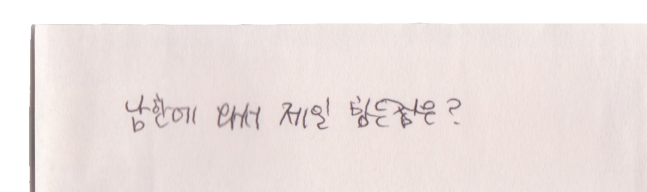
Why do students swear so much? Students curse all the time.



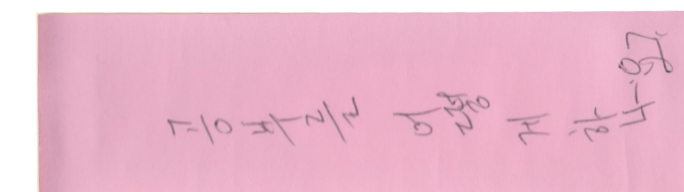
Capitalism



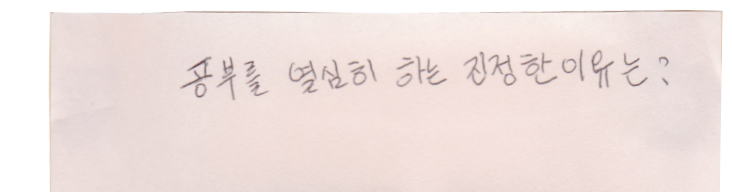
Does North Korea really brainwash people? (about Kim Jong-un and Kim Jong-il)



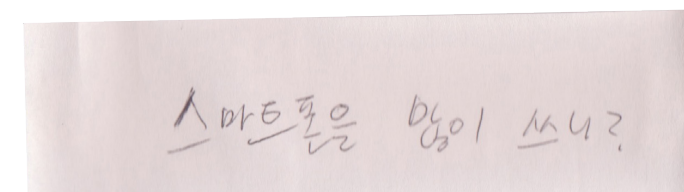
What kind of sufferings do you have in South Korea?



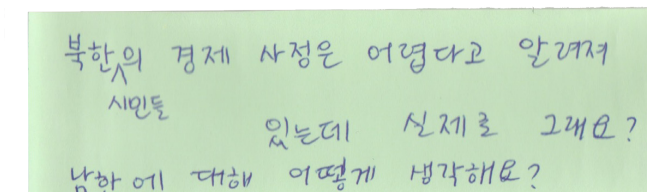
How do you study?



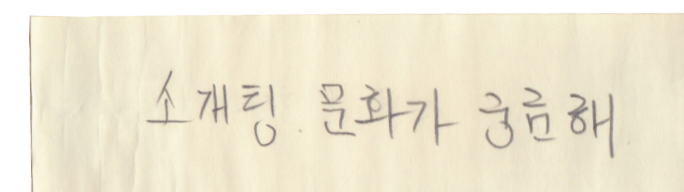
What is the true reason for studying hard?



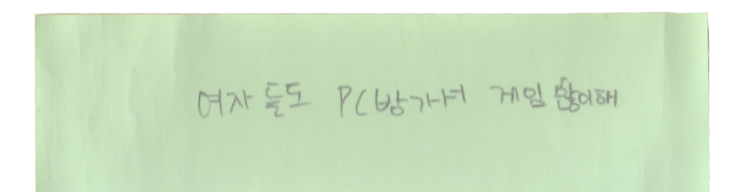
Do many North Koreans use smartphones?



We are informed that North Korean citizens are struggling because of weak economic conditions. Is it true? How do you think about South Korea?



I'm curious about the blind dating culture.



Do girls also go to PC rooms to play computer games?



Interview with North Korean Defector Students



Interview with South Korean Students



Summary Video of the Workshops



More Information of the Workshops (Website)