

Information Evaluation – Investigative Journalism 6-7/7

Part 1: VOCABULARY North Korean Labor Camps in Siberia 6-7/7

Difficult word/phrase	Swedish Translation	Easier replacement
goofy		silly
lunacy		craziness
blacklist		list of bad people
journalists		writers
cowed		scared
wilderness		(land area that has never been changed by people)
realized		(understood/made real/achieved)
compartment		(separate room, area, section, etc.)
footage		video
militia		(armed citizens)
promptly		quickly
intimidated		scared
freaked out		got upset
region		area
coincidentally		(by accident)
exact same		same
extort		steal

Part 2: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Watch these videos:

<https://youtu.be/89rCmjb9wHk>

<https://youtu.be/R7J8FSBitWs>

Part 3: SPEAKING

Dialogues from Part 7

Fill in the blanks.

Then turn to the person next to you. Read the dialogue.

SHANE SMITH: We'd finally found our North Koreans deep in the bush and were busy talking to them when things started to get a bit hairy. Now these guys are coming back here. The dude with the crowbar is coming back.

MALE SPEAKER 1: [SPEAKING KOREAN]

KIM YUN ZUN: [SPEAKING KOREAN]

IGOR "THE FISH" RYBAKOV: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

SHANE SMITH: He says, what is that, your off switch?

MALE SPEAKER 1: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

SIMON OSTROVSKY: He says I use it for fixing tractors.

SHANE SMITH: I like the Fish more and more. He took the crowbar from him and said, what is that, your off switch? And two North Koreans came back. Now they're giving Mr. Kim shit. And they're quite angry. So we're probably going to have to get out of here.

MALE SPEAKER 1: [SPEAKING KOREAN]

SHANE SMITH: And so, oh shit, here comes another truck. Now we're surrounded. They're got a truck up there. They've got a truck behind here. What'd he say?

SIMON OSTROVSKY: He said he came to tell us that he doesn't want us filming anymore, and he's come to block the road.

SHANE SMITH: Really? All right. Well, let's go find another crew. Let's go. The Fish is the boss. As the Fish took us further into the forest on these rutted dirt tracks, the atmosphere in the truck got a little bit _____ because of the _____ that was being played out in the oddest game of low-grade cat and mouse I've ever seen. Ask about how we get home. We're in a high-speed car chase at five miles an hour through the wilds of Siberia. They're stopping, we go to try to pass them, and then they speed up. We sort of go on a side road, and then they head us off at the pass. It's a game of chicken out in the middle of nowhere.

IGOR "THE FISH" RYBAKOV: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

SIMON OSTROVSKY: He was just telling us.

KIM YUN ZUN: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

IGOR "THE FISH" RYBAKOV: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

SIMON OSTROVSKY: He says he's on their _____.

SHANE SMITH: The Fish seemed tired of this game and suggested we pull over for some lunch, which consisted of paprika chips, bread, vodka, and a shotgun.

IGOR "THE FISH" RYBAKOV: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN], cowboy.

SHANE SMITH: Cowboy.

SIMON OSTROVSKY: Cowboy.

SHANE SMITH: The North Koreans are going-- what the fuck kind of _____ are these? Well, we found our North Koreans. Now let's get wasted and shoot off guns with the mafia. I hit it, but I didn't break it. [APPLAUSE]

SHANE SMITH: It turned out there was method in the Fish's madness. Because our lunchtime shooting party seemed to have _____ the North Koreans just enough to get us out of the _____, which was very good because the all-menacing Siberian darkness was fast approaching. When we finally got to town, they, of course, were waiting for us. And the North Korean security dude just showed up. And he won't leave us alone. And he's just standing there trying to look at our passports. And trying to see all of our stuff. He's trying to be scary.

SIMON OSTROVSKY: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

MALE SPEAKER 2: [SPEAKING RUSSIAN]

SHANE SMITH: And when we got on the train and said our teary goodbyes to the Fish, we _____ that half the one-car train was our crew, and the other half were North Koreans.

[SPEAKING KOREAN]

SIMON OSTROVSKY: That was the captain of the camp.

SHANE SMITH: Great. So we locked ourselves into our _____ and spent the night backing up our hard drives and hiding all of our _____, which turned out be wise because we were met back in Tynda by the FSB, the local _____, the North Koreans, and some plainclothes detectives who _____ detained us. So they asked us a lot of questions. And they kept asking us about the pipeline. Are you here to shoot the pipeline? Are you here to shoot the pipeline? We were like, we don't know anything about a pipeline. We're here to shoot North Koreans.

They knew about the Russian cop who had taken us to the North Korean camp. They knew about the chief of police in the north. Simon refused to be _____, and he said, if you want to ask any questions, ask me here. I'm not going with you. I'm not going away with you. They finally let us go. We _____ a little bit, grabbed our stuff, and took off. We quickly hired a car and made a break for the Chinese border. When we finally got to the border, we _____ that part of the reason for all this panic and fear on the North Korean and Russian side was that Kim Jong-Il, who almost never leaves North Korea, had secretly come to the same place we were, the Amur _____ of Russia, _____ at the _____ time we were there to hold talks with President Medvedev about more trade and labor agreements between the two countries. So this means that, while we were there, the Great Leader was selling even more of his people off, so he could make even more money, so you could make more weapons, so he could _____ more food and aid and supplies from America and Japan, who he's technically still at war with. And this, better than almost anything I could think of, sums up the _____ of the modern world. Thank you and goodnight.