

# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210623-night-golf.html>

The rise of the popularity of golf in South Korea shows no sign of abating. The country is now the world's third largest market for golf, and Korean golfers spend more per capita on golf equipment and apparel than people in any other country. A new phenomenon is taking off in Korea to reflect the ever-increasing popularity for the game. Golf clubs are opening after dark to allow more people to play the game. The concept has been dubbed "white night" golf. It allows Korea's avid golfers more opportunities to get their clubs out. It can be difficult to secure a round of golf in Korea. There is a scarcity of courses in metropolitan areas. The capital city of Seoul has just one course and is limited to use by military personnel.

There are as many as 117 golf courses of 18 holes or more that currently offer night games. White night golf may result in South Korea's golfers achieving more success on the international stage, especially in the women's game. The SeoulSisters website states that: "As of last week, 32 of the top 100 players in the women's world rankings, including 4 of the top 10, were from South Korea." A Korean woman has won at least one golf major every season since 2010. Korea's legendary Pak Se-ri won the 1998 US Open aged 20 in her rookie season. She may have been a white night trailblazer. It is reported her father made her practice her swing near cemeteries at night to toughen her up.

Sources: <https://seoulsisters.freeforums.net/thread/2927/night-golf-over-south-korea>  
<https://www.straitstimes.com/sport/golf/golf-the-secret-behind-the-endless-dominance-of-south-koreas-women>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

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|---------------|--|
| 1. abating    | a. For each person.  |
| 2. per capita | b. Gave an unofficial name or nickname to someone or something.      |
| 3. apparel    | c. Relating to or characteristic of soldiers or armed forces.        |
| 4. dubbed     | d. Clothing.   |
| 5. avid       | e. The state of being in short supply; shortage.                     |
| 6. scarcity   | f. Causing to become smaller or less intense.                        |
| 7. military   | g. Having or showing a keen interest in or enthusiasm for something. |

## Paragraph 2

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| 8. course       | h. Successfully bringing about or reach a desired objective, level, or result by effort, skill, or courage. |
| 9. achieving    | i. A position in a scale of achievement or status; a classification.  |
| 10. ranking     | j. A burial ground; a graveyard.  |
| 11. legendary   | k. A member of an athletic team or a sports player in his or her first full season in that sport.           |
| 12. rookie      | l. Remarkable enough to be famous; very well known.   |
| 13. trailblazer | m. An area of land set aside and prepared for racing, golf, or another sport.                               |
| 14. cemetery    | n. A pioneer; an innovator.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210623-night-golf.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The popularity of golf in South Korea is falling. **T / F**
2. South Korea is the second largest global market for golf. **T / F**
3. Korean golfers spend more on golf clothing than other golfers. **T / F**
4. There are only three gold courses in Seoul. **T / F**
5. There are over 110 golf courses in South Korea offering night golf. **T / F**
6. Four of the world's top ten women golfers are South Korean. **T / F**
7. A South Korean woman won a golf major every year for 10 years. **T / F**
8. South Korea's legendary Pak Se-ri won her first major at the age of 19. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <b>abating</b>     | a. pioneer         |
| 2. <b>per capita</b>  | b. nicknamed       |
| 3. <b>phenomenon</b>  | c. standings       |
| 4. <b>dubbed</b>      | d. occurrence      |
| 5. <b>scarcity</b>    | e. harden          |
| 6. <b>achieving</b>   | f. famous          |
| 7. <b>rankings</b>    | g. decreasing      |
| 8. <b>legendary</b>   | h. shortage        |
| 9. <b>trailblazer</b> | i. attaining       |
| 10. <b>toughen</b>    | j. for each person |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. The rise of the                       | a. of 18 holes or more |
| 2. shows no sign of                      | b. personnel           |
| 3. The concept has been dubbed           | c. season              |
| 4. a scarcity of courses in              | d. rankings            |
| 5. military                              | e. abating             |
| 6. There are as many as 117 golf courses | f. up                  |
| 7. players in the women's world          | g. metropolitan areas  |
| 8. in her rookie                         | h. trailblazer         |
| 9. She may have been a white night       | i. popularity of golf  |
| 10. toughen her                          | j. "white night" golf  |



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210623-night-golf.html>

1. What does the popularity of golf in South Korea show no signs of?
2. What do South Koreans spend more on per capita than other golfers?
3. What does white night golf allow golfers to get out more often?
4. What does the article say it can be difficult to secure in Korea?
5. Who are the only people who can use the golf course in Seoul?
6. How many golf courses offer 18 or more holes?
7. Where does the article say South Korean golfers might achieve success?
8. How many South Korean women are in the world's top ten?
9. At what age did Pak Se-ri win the US Open?
10. What did Pak Se-ri's father want her to practice?

# GOLF DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'night'?
3. What do you think of golf?
4. Why is golf so popular?
5. What are the benefits of playing golf?
6. What do you think of the idea of night golf?
7. What other sports can be played at night?
8. What equipment and apparel do you need to play golf?
9. What are golf courses like in your country?
10. What else could golf clubs do to increase playing opportunities?

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# GOLF DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'golf'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is golf a sport, game or pastime?
15. What damage do golf courses do to the environment?
16. Are golf stars good role models?
17. Why do you think South Korea's women are so good at golf?
18. Who is your favourite golf player, and why?
19. Should all schoolchildren play golf?
20. What questions would you like to ask a golf club CEO?