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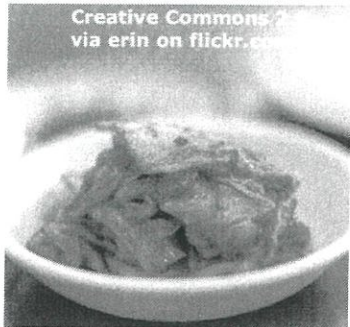
Write the meanings for these idioms in English  
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- 1.above board
- 2.act of God
- 3.all told
- 4.asking for trouble
- 5.(in)bad shape
- 6.badger someone
- 7.bar fly
- 8.be my guest
- 9.beggars can't be choosers
- 10.wet blanket
- 11.coast is clear
- 12.basket case
- 13.raw deal
- 14.get cold feet
- 15.on paper

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## S.Korea, China clash on social media over kimchi

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China and South Korea are arguing over a pickled food. The two countries are in a dispute over a savoury pickled cabbage dish. China is trying to win an international certificate for pao cai, a savoury vegetable dish from Sichuan province.

However, South Korean officials are angry about this. They say this dish is too much like kimchi - perhaps the most famous food in South Korea. Kimchi is a staple in Korean cuisine. It is a traditional dish of salted and fermented vegetables, such as cabbage and Korean radish. It is made with a wide variety of seasonings, including chilli powder, spring onions, garlic, ginger, and salted seafood. Pao cai is a pickle, usually made using cabbage, mustard, peppers and ginger.

South Korea is angry that China says it has won certification from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for its kimchi making process. South Korean officials say pao cai, "has nothing to do with kimchi". They added: "We need to understand that pao cai is different from kimchi." People in Korea are angry that China is trying to claim the standard for the kimchi-making process. A professor in Korea said: "China lacks efforts to understand the culture and history of surrounding nations." On social media in China, people said most kimchi eaten in South Korea is made in China. One person wrote: "Even the pronunciation of kimchi originated from Chinese."

Sources: [koreaherald.com](http://koreaherald.com) / [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org) / [ads-cbn.com](http://ads-cbn.com)

### Writing

No country owns the rights to claim a food dish. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

China / South Korea / dispute / cabbage / kimchi / pao cai / cuisine / seasoning / chilli / angry / process / standard / professor / understand / culture / history / pronunciation

### True / False

- a) China and S. Korea are arguing over a pickled cabbage dish. T / F
- b) The Chinese dish pao cai is from Hong Kong. T / F
- c) The article says kimchi is very stable in South Korea. T / F
- d) Pao cai is made from cabbage, mustard, peppers and ginger. T / F
- e) South Korea won a certification from the ISO. T / F
- f) A professor in Korea said China totally understand Korean culture. T / F
- g) The article says most kimchi people eat in S. Korea is made in China. T / F
- h) The article says the pronunciation of the word kimchi is from Chinese. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>arguing</b>     | a. method       |
| 2. <b>dispute</b>     | b. food         |
| 3. <b>angry</b>       | c. started      |
| 4. <b>cuisine</b>     | d. disagreement |
| 5. <b>variety</b>     | e. appreciate   |
| 6. <b>process</b>     | f. furious      |
| 7. <b>understand</b>  | g. countries    |
| 8. <b>standard</b>    | h. fighting     |
| 9. <b>nations</b>     | i. example      |
| 10. <b>originated</b> | j. range        |

### Discussion - Student A

- a) What do you know about kimchi?
- b) What do you know about Korean food?
- c) How much do you like savoury food?
- d) What are the staple dishes of your country?
- e) What are your favourite seasonings?
- f) What do you think of salted seafood?
- g) What food can you make using cabbage?
- h) What do you think of garlic?

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1.What is the Chinese word for kimchi?

What part of China does it come from?

2.Why is south Korea angry?

3.What is kimchi and what is it made of?

4.What is pao cai made of?

5.What is the ISO?

6.What did a professor in Korea say?

7.How often do you eat kimchi?

8.What are 3 different kinds of kimchi in Korea?

a.

b.

c.

What's your favorite kind?

9.What is 김장? When is it?

10.What do you think of China and Chinese people?