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Korean boy band BTS No.1 in US album chart

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

A South Korean pop act has reached number one in the U.S. album charts for the first time ever. The boy band BTS debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart with their new album, "Love Yourself: Tear". The seven-member K-pop band released their album on May 18. It sold 135,000 copies in the week ending May 24, including CDs and streamed music. The album is the second top-10 hit for K-pop. The first K-pop entry into the Billboard 200 albums chart was also an album by BTS. The group thanked their fans on social media by tweeting: "It's wonderful and very overwhelming. Thank you everyone who has listened to our music. We will keep doing our best."

BTS was formed by the Big Hit Entertainment company in 2013. The group quickly became a big success in Korea with their debut song "No More Dream". They won several New Artist of the Year awards. Their popularity soon spread overseas and they started to get many fans in Japan and the USA. They have a huge following on social media. In March 2016, they broke the world record for the most re-tweeted artist on Twitter. In December 2017, they were the most tweeted about celebrities on Earth, being liked or re-tweeted over half a billion times. BTS' new album is performed mostly in the Korean language. Even though there is very little English on the album, they have sold out concert tours in the USA.

Sources: <https://www.billboard.com/articles/columns/chart-beat/8458036/bts-earns-first-no-1-album-billboard-200-chart-love-yourself-tear>
<https://mashable.com/2018/05/28/bts-billboard-album-chart/#vThUwQKRdaqr>
<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20180528000080>

WARM-UPS

1. K-POP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about K-Pop. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

South Korea / number one / first time / albums / streamed music / social media / best company / success / debut / popularity / huge / world record / celebrities / language

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. POP MUSIC: Students A **strongly** believe pop music is the best music genre; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MUSIC: What is good and bad about these kinds of music? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
Pop		
Classical		
Electro		
Country		
Heavy Metal		
Jazz		

5. NUMBER ONE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "number one". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. LISTEN: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to listen to music at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- YouTube
- Live
- Radio
- Vinyl records
- mp3 player
- TV show
- Streaming
- Other _____

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. act | a. Being one part of something. |
| 2. debuted | b. A collection of songs of music put on a CD, record, mp3 file, etc. |
| 3. album | c. The first public appearance of a new product or show. |
| 4. released | d. Very, very strong feeling. |
| 5. including | e. A musical, dance or stage group. |
| 6. social media | f. Made a song, movie or recording available for people to buy or listen to, read, watch, etc. |
| 7. overwhelming | g. Websites and apps (applications) that let people create and share things online, or to join social networks. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. formed | h. Doing something you really wanted to do. |
| 9. success | i. Very, very, very big. |
| 10. several | j. Sang, danced, acted, read a poem, etc. in front of people. |
| 11. popularity | k. More than two but not many. |
| 12. huge | l. Famous people. |
| 13. celebrities | m. How well you are liked, admired, or supported by many people. |
| 14. performed | n. Organized people or things into a group or body. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

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

- a. BTS are the second Korean band to have a number one album. **T / F**
- b. The BTS album sold over half a million copies. **T / F**
- c. The record sales included streamed music. **T / F**
- d. The article said the band messaged its thanks to fans on Facebook. **T / F**
- e. BTS first started singing together in 2014. **T / F**
- f. BTS won more than one New Artist of the Year award. **T / F**
- g. The band got over half a billion likes and re-tweets in 2017. **T / F**
- h. The band's concerts in the USA have all sold out. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. reached | a. a number of |
| 2. ever | b. success |
| 3. debuted | c. in history |
| 4. hit | d. very, very big |
| 5. fans | e. largely |
| 6. formed | f. got to |
| 7. several | g. famous people |
| 8. huge | h. created |
| 9. celebrities | i. premiered |
| 10. mostly | j. supporters |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. for the first time | a. overseas |
| 2. The seven- | b. streamed music |
| 3. including CDs and | c. our best |
| 4. The group thanked their | d. the album |
| 5. We will keep doing | e. big success |
| 6. The group quickly became a | f. ever |
| 7. debut | g. celebrities on Earth |
| 8. Their popularity soon spread | h. fans |
| 9. the most tweeted about | i. song |
| 10. there is very little English on | j. member K-pop band |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

A South Korean pop act has (1) _____ number one in the U.S. album charts for the first time (2) _____. The boy band BTS debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart with their new album, "Love Yourself: Tear". The seven- (3) _____ K-pop band released their album on May 18. It sold 135,000 copies in the week ending May 24, including CDs and (4) _____ music. The album is the second top-10 hit for K-pop. The first K-pop (5) _____ into the Billboard 200 albums chart was also an album by BTS. The group thanked their (6) _____ on social media by tweeting: "It's wonderful and very (7) _____. Thank you everyone who has listened to our music. We will keep doing our (8) _____."

member
fans
streamed
best
ever
overwhelming
reached
entry

BTS was (9) _____ by the Big Hit Entertainment company in 2013. The group quickly became a big (10) _____ in Korea with their debut song "No More Dream". They won several New Artist of the Year awards. Their (11) _____ soon spread overseas and they started to get many fans in Japan and the USA. They have a (12) _____ following on social media. In March 2016, they broke the world record for the most re-tweeted (13) _____ on Twitter. In December 2017, they were the most tweeted about (14) _____ on Earth, being liked or re-tweeted over half a billion times. BTS' new album is performed (15) _____ in the Korean language. Even though there is very little English on the album, they have sold out concert (16) _____ in the USA.

success
huge
celebrities
formed
tours
popularity
mostly
artist

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

- 1) reached number one in the U.S. album charts for the _____
 - a. first time never
 - b. first time ever
 - c. first time every
 - d. first time even
- 2) It sold 135,000 copies in the week ending May 24, including CDs and _____
 - a. steamed music
 - b. screamed music
 - c. streamed music
 - d. seamed music
- 3) The album is the second top-10 _____
 - a. hits for K-pop
 - b. hitting for K-pop
 - c. hit for K-pop
 - d. hitter for K-pop
- 4) thanked their fans on social media by tweeting: "It's wonderful and _____"
 - a. very underwhelming
 - b. very overwhelming
 - c. very over-welcoming
 - d. very overly welcoming
- 5) Thank you everyone who has listened to our music. We will keep _____
 - a. do in our best
 - b. doing your best
 - c. done your best
 - d. doing our best
- 6) The group quickly became a big success in Korea with their _____
 - a. debuted song
 - b. debuts song
 - c. debut song
 - d. debutante song
- 7) Their popularity soon spread overseas and they started to get _____ Japan
 - a. many fans in
 - b. many flans in
 - c. many ferns in
 - d. many fawns in
- 8) They have a huge following on _____
 - a. socially media
 - b. social media
 - c. social medium
 - d. so shall media
- 9) In December 2017, they were the most tweeted about _____ Earth
 - a. celebrations in
 - b. celebrities on
 - c. sell abilities in
 - d. cell abilities on
- 10) Even though there is very little English on the album, they have _____ tours
 - a. soul doubt concert
 - b. sole doubt concert
 - c. sold out concert
 - d. soldered out concert

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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BTS was (7) _____ Big Hit Entertainment company in 2013. The group quickly became a big success in Korea with (8) _____ "No More Dream". They won several New Artist of the Year awards. Their popularity (9) _____ and they started to get many fans in Japan and the USA. They have a huge following on social media. In March 2016, they (10) _____ record for the most re-tweeted artist on Twitter. In December 2017, they were the most tweeted about celebrities on Earth, being liked or re-tweeted over (11) _____ times. BTS' new album is performed mostly in the Korean language. Even though there is very little English on the album, they have sold (12) _____ in the USA.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

1. How many times has a K-pop band been No 1 in the US album charts?
2. When did BTS release their new album?
3. How many copies did the album sell in the first week?
4. On what social media platform did BTS thank their fans?
5. What did BTS say they would keep doing?
6. When was the band BTS started?
7. What was the name of the band's debut song?
8. When did BTS break a record for the most re-tweeted artist on Twitter?
9. How many likes and re-tweets did BTS get in 2017?
10. What happened to BTS' U.S. concert tour?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

- 1) How many times has a K-pop band been No 1 in the US album charts?
 - a) 3
 - b) 1
 - c) 2
 - d) 10
- 2) When did BTS release their new album?
 - a) May 15
 - b) May 16
 - c) May 17
 - d) May 18
- 3) How many copies did the album sell in the first week?
 - a) 135,000 copies
 - b) 138,000 copies
 - c) 185,000 copies
 - d) 153,000 copies
- 4) On what social media platform did BTS thank their fans?
 - a) SnapChat
 - b) Instagram
 - c) Twitter
 - d) Facebook
- 5) What did BTS say they would keep doing?
 - a) touring
 - b) their best
 - c) smiling
 - d) writing
- 6) When was the band BTS started?
 - a) 2012
 - b) 2014
 - c) 2013
 - d) 2015
- 7) What was the name of the band's debut song?
 - a) Love You
 - b) Big Time
 - c) Big Success
 - d) No More Dream
- 8) When did BTS break a record for the most re-tweeted artist on Twitter?
 - a) March 2016
 - b) April 2017
 - c) July 2017
 - d) March 2018
- 9) How many likes and re-tweets did BTS get in 2017?
 - a) over half a billion
 - b) over half a million
 - c) over half a trillion
 - d) over half a quadrillion
- 10) What happened to BTS' U.S. concert tour?
 - a) it featured guest artists
 - b) it sold out
 - c) it went well
 - d) BTS added dates

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

Role A – TV Show

You think a TV show is the best way to listen to music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): live, radio or vinyl records.

Role B – Live

You think live is the best way to listen to music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a TV show, radio or vinyl records.

Role C – Radio

You think radio is the best way to listen to music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): live, a TV show or vinyl records.

Role D – Vinyl Records

You think vinyl records is the best way to listen to music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): live, radio or a TV show.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'album' and 'chart'.

album	chart

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• act• seven• copies• second• thanked• best	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2013• several• spread• 2016• 2017• sold
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K-POP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

Write five GOOD questions about K-Pop in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

K-POP 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 'album'?
3. What do you know about K-pop?
4. What is your favourite kind of music?
5. How big is this news for K-pop?
6. What do you think of boy bands?
7. Is music becoming more international?
8. Do you listen to songs sung in other languages?
9. How important are the album charts?
10. Do you prefer buying albums or singles?

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K-POP 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 'chart'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think about pop music?
15. Do you think pop artists should also be able to play instruments?
16. Who are the most popular bands in your country?
17. Do you follow celebrities on social media?
18. Who are you a big fan of, and why?
19. What is the best concert you've been to?
20. What questions would you like to ask the band?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) wrecked | (b) reacted | (c) receded | (d) reached |
| 2. | (a) debuting | (b) debut | (c) debuts | (d) debuted |
| 3. | (a) boys | (b) member | (c) people | (d) group |
| 4. | (a) screamed | (b) shamed | (c) streamed | (d) steamed |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) listened | (b) listen | (c) listening | (d) listener |
| 7. | (a) quick | (b) quickly | (c) quicken | (d) quickening |
| 8. | (a) popularity | (b) population | (c) populace | (d) popping |
| 9. | (a) extra | (b) huge | (c) follower | (d) copy |
| 10. | (a) adaptors | (b) cartoons | (c) celebrities | (d) contents |
| 11. | (a) main | (b) much | (c) mostly | (d) merely |
| 12. | (a) down | (b) in | (c) up | (d) out |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

Paragraph 1

1. daehcre number one
2. tdbedue at No. 1
3. lereseda their album on May 18
4. ilcginndu CDs and streamed music
5. thanked their fans on social meiad
6. It's owedlfunr and very overwhelming

Paragraph 2

7. They won rveeasl New Artist of the Year awards
8. Their pliyaoprut soon spread
9. They have a huge wglioflno
10. most tweeted about cerisiletbe
11. half a inlobli times
12. sold out noccrte tours

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () awards. Their popularity soon spread overseas and they started to get many fans in Japan and the USA. They have a huge
- () into the Billboard 200 albums chart was also an album by BTS. The group thanked
- () artist on Twitter. In December 2017, they were the most tweeted about celebrities on Earth, being liked or re-tweeted
- () everyone who has listened to our music. We will keep doing our best."
- () ending May 24, including CDs and streamed music. The album is the second top-10 hit for K-pop. The first K-pop entry
- () their fans on social media by tweeting: "It's wonderful and very overwhelming. Thank you
- () following on social media. In March 2016, they broke the world record for the most re-tweeted
- () member K-pop band released their album on May 18. It sold 135,000 copies in the week
- (**1**) A South Korean pop act has reached number one in the U.S. album charts for the first time
- () BTS was formed by the Big Hit Entertainment company in 2013. The group quickly became a big
- () over half a billion times. BTS' new album is performed mostly in the Korean language. Even though
- () success in Korea with their debut song "No More Dream". They won several New Artist of the Year
- () ever. The boy band BTS debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart with their new album, "Love Yourself: Tear". The seven-
- () there is very little English on the album, they have sold out concert tours in the USA.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

1. act pop number A has one . Korean reached
2. released K-pop album . seven-member their band The
3. second The album the hit . is top-10
4. thanked The group on fans social media . their
5. our everyone music . to you listened who Thank
6. big quickly became The group a success .
7. started in They Japan . to fans many get
8. have on following huge a They social media .
9. tweeted on most The about celebrities Earth .
10. concert have sold out in They tours America .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

A South Korean pop act has *reached* / *reacted* number one in the U.S. album charts for the first time *never* / *ever*. The boy band BTS debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart with *them* / *their* new album, "Love Yourself: Tear". The seven-member K-pop band released their album *in* / *on* May 18. It sold 135,000 copies in the week *ending* / *end* May 24, including CDs and streamed music. The album is the second top-10 hit for K-pop. The first K-pop *enter* / *entry* into the Billboard 200 albums chart was *also* / *well* an album by BTS. The group thanked their *fans* / *fan* on social media by tweeting: "It's wonderful and very *underwhelming* / *overwhelming*. Thank you everyone who has listened to our music. We will keep doing *your* / *our* best."

BTS was formed *by* / *to* the Big Hit Entertainment company in 2013. The group quickly became a big success in Korea with their *rebut* / *debut* song "No More Dream". They won *few* / *several* New Artist of the Year awards. Their *popularity* / *popular* soon spread overseas and they *started* / *starred* to get many fans in Japan and the USA. They have a *hug* / *huge* following on social media. In March 2016, they *broke* / *break* the world record for the most re-tweeted artist on Twitter. In December 2017, they were the most tweeted about *celebrities* / *celebrations* on Earth, being liked or re-tweeted over half a billion times. BTS' new album *is* / *be* performed mostly in the Korean language. Even though there is very little English on the album, they have sold *out* / *in* concert tours in the USA.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

A S__ th K_r__ n p_p _ct h_s r__ ch_d n_m b_r
_n__ n th_ U . S . _l b_m ch_r t s f_r th_ f_r s t
t_m_ _v_r . Th_ b_y b_n d B T S d_b_t_d _t N_ . 1
n th B_l l b__ r d 2 0 0 _l b_m s ch_r t w_t h t
h__ r n_w _l b_m , " L_v_ Y__ r s_l f : T__ r " . Th_
s_v_n - m_m b_r K - p_p b_n d r_l__ s_d th__ r _l
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n th w__ k _n d_n g M_y 2 4 , _n c_l_d_n g C D s
_n d s_t r__ m_d m_s_c . Th_ _l b_m _s th_ s_c_n d
t_p - 1 0 h_t f_r K - p_p . Th_ f_r s t K - p_p _n t
r_y _n t_ th_ B_l l b__ r d 2 0 0 _l b_m s ch_r t w_s
l s _n _l b_m b_y B T S . Th_ g_r__ p th_n k_d t
h__ r f_n s _n s_c__ l m_d__ b_y t w__ t_n g : " I
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts.html>

a south korean pop act has reached number one in the us album charts for the first time ever the boy band bts debuted at no 1 on the billboard 200 albums chart with their new album love yourself tear the sevenmember kpop band released their album on may 18 it sold 135000 copies in the week ending may 24 including cds and streamed music the album is the second top10 hit for kpop the first kpop entry into the billboard 200 albums chart was also an album by bts the group thanked their fans on social media by tweeting its wonderful and very overwhelming thank you everyone who has listened to our music we will keep doing our best

bts was formed by the big hit entertainment company in 2013 the group quickly became a big success in korea with their debut song no more dream they won several new artist of the year awards their popularity soon spread overseas and they started to get many fans in japan and the usa they have a huge following on social media in march 2016 they broke the world record for the most retweeted artist on twitter in december 2017 they were the most tweeted about celebrities on earth being liked or retweeted over half a billion times bts new album is performed mostly in the korean language even though there is very little english on the album they have sold out concert tours in the usa.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A South Korean pop act has reached number one in the U.S. album charts for the first time ever. The boy band BTS debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart with their new album, "Love Yourself: Tear". These seven-member K-pop band released their album on May 18. It sold 135,000 copies in the week ending May 24, including CDs and streamed music. The album is the second top-10 hit for K-pop. The first K-pop entry into the Billboard 200 album chart was also an album by BTS. The group thanked their fans on social media by tweeting: "It's wonderful and very overwhelming. Thank you everyone who has listened to our music. We will keep doing our best." BTS was formed by the Big Hit Entertainment company in 2013. The group quickly became a big success in Korea with their debut song "No More Dream". They won several New Artist of the Year awards. Their popularity soon spread overseas and they started to get many fans in Japan and the USA. They have a huge following on social media. In March 2016, they broke the world record for the most re-tweeted artist on Twitter. In December 2017, they were the most re-tweeted celebrities on Earth, being liked or re-tweeted over half a billion times. BTS' new album is performed mostly in the Korean language. Even though there is very little English in the album, they have sold out concert tours in the USA.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BTS: Make a poster about BTS. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. POP MUSIC: Write a magazine article about pop music being the best kind of music in the world. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who do not believe it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on K-Pop. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on pop music. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. reached | a. got to |
| 2. ever | b. in history |
| 3. debuted | c. premiered |
| 4. hit | d. success |
| 5. fans | e. supporters |
| 6. formed | f. created |
| 7. several | g. a number of |
| 8. huge | h. very, very big |
| 9. celebrities | i. famous people |
| 10. mostly | j. largely |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. One
2. May 18
3. 135,000 copies
4. Twitter
5. Their best
6. 2013
7. No More Dream
8. 2016
9. Over half a million
10. It sold out

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A Korean pop act has reached number one.
2. The seven-member K-pop band released their album.
3. The album is the second top-10 hit.
4. The group thanked their fans on social media.
5. Thank you everyone who listened to our music.
6. The group quickly became a big success.
7. They started to get many fans in Japan.
8. They have a huge following on social media.
9. The most tweeted about celebrities on Earth.
10. They have sold out concert tours in America.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)