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**Level 1** – 20th October, 2022

## K-pop stars BTS to do military service

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221020-bts-military-service-1.html>

The seven members of the South Korean boy band BTS will soon be in the army. They are taking a break from music to do two years' of military service. All able-bodied men in Korea aged between 18 and 28 must serve about two years. South Korea is technically still at war with North Korea. The two nations didn't sign a peace treaty after the Korean War ended in 1953. A spokesperson said BTS wanted to do their duty, and "are honoured to serve".

Many Koreans do not want BTS to do military service. They think the band is a national treasure. Korea's government said BTS could delay their military service until they are 30 years old. BTS have brought a lot of global attention to Korea. They also received praise for speaking about mental health issues. The government said: "There could be a way to give them a chance to practice and perform together."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/music/2022/oct/17/bts-k-pop-members-military-service-south-korea>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-63282589>  
<https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20221017000727>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221020-bts-military-service-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. BTS will soon be                 | a. break from music |
| 2. They are taking a                | b. their duty       |
| 3. serve about                      | c. at war           |
| 4. South Korea is technically still | d. serve            |
| 5. sign a peace                     | e. two years        |
| 6. the Korean War                   | f. treaty           |
| 7. BTS wanted to do                 | g. in the army      |
| 8. honoured to                      | h. ended in 1953    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Koreans do not want BTS to   | a. praise              |
| 2. the band is a                | b. together            |
| 3. BTS could delay their        | c. national treasure   |
| 4. brought a lot of global      | d. military service    |
| 5. They also received           | e. them a chance       |
| 6. speaking about mental        | f. attention to Korea  |
| 7. There could be a way to give | g. do military service |
| 8. practice and perform         | h. health issues       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221020-bts-military-service-1.html>

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the South Korean boy band BTS will soon be in the army. They are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from music to do two years' of military service. All able-bodied men in Korea aged between 18 and 28 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ two years. South Korea is technically (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with North Korea. The two nations didn't sign a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Korean War ended in 1953. A spokesperson said BTS wanted to (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and "are honoured to serve".

Many Koreans (7) \_\_\_\_\_ BTS to do military service. They think the band (8) \_\_\_\_\_ treasure. Korea's government said BTS (9) \_\_\_\_\_ military service until they are 30 years old. BTS have brought a lot of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Korea. They also (11) \_\_\_\_\_ speaking about mental health issues. The government said: "There could be a way (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a chance to practice and perform together."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MILITARY SERVICE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221020-bts-military-service-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about military service 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

