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## World's biggest music company to invest in K-Pop

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

Pop music from South Korea (K-pop) has become very popular around the world. In 2012, the South Korean artist Psy received the most views ever on YouTube with his song Gangnam Style. In the past few years, the Korean boy band BTS has had considerable success in America and Europe. They became the first K-pop band to have a number one on the US music charts. The popularity of K-pop has caused major record labels to put more money into Korean acts. The world's biggest music label, Universal Music Group, has said it will join a live-streaming platform set up by Korea's major record labels. Universal will invest in the platform launched last year by Big Hit Entertainment, the company BTS belongs to.

Another Korean pop group, the girl band BLACKPINK, is also set to become popular worldwide. Universal has teamed up with their label, YG Entertainment. The chairman of YG said: "We will work closely with the biggest music company, Universal Music Group, globally for the successful global debut and promotion of BLACKPINK. In addition, we will do our best to help other YG artists to break through into the North American and European markets." YG added: "Music and real talent rise above culture and language and have no boundaries. Through this partnership we feel we can truly showcase our artists' potential on a bigger scale. We look forward to what's to come in the future."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. POP MUSIC:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about pop music. 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?

pop music / worldwide / success / number one / song / record / music / company / label / girl band / debut / promotion / talent / culture / language / partnership

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

**3. THE BEST:** Students A **strongly** believe pop music is the best form of music; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ARTISTS:** Who are your favourite artists? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Band		
Male singer		
Female singer		
Musician		
Dancer		
Rapper		

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

**6. MUSIC GENRES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Pop
- Opera
- Country
- Hip-hop
- Electro
- Jazz
- Rock
- Soul

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. popular      | a. Put money into shares, property, etc. in the hope of getting more money back.                         |
| 2. artist       | b. Liked by many people.   |
| 3. views        | c. Getting done or completing an aim or goal.  |
| 4. considerable | d. A person who does any of the creative arts, such as a singer, sculptor, film-maker, actor, or dancer. |
| 5. success      | e. Very large in size or amount.   |
| 6. platform     | f. Numbers of times people looked at a website page.   |
| 7. invest       | g. The hardware of a computer system or a kind of social media site or other site to do things.          |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. set         | h. About to.   |
| 9. debut       | i. Having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future. |
| 10. promotion  | j. A person's first appearance or performance in a movie, concert or role. |
| 11. talent     | k. The limits of or to something.  |
| 12. rise       | l. Activity that supports or encourages a cause, business, or aim.         |
| 13. boundaries | m. Natural skill.  |
| 14. potential  | n. Move from a lower to a higher position.                                 |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

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

- a. Music from South and North Korea has become popular. **T / F**
- b. In 2016, a South Korean artist got the most YouTube views ever. **T / F**
- c. BTS are the first Korean band to be number one in the USA. **T / F**
- d. The world's biggest music company is called Universal. **T / F**
- e. BLACKPINK is the world's most successful girl band. **T / F**
- f. A Korean music company wants to move to the USA. **T / F**
- g. A Korean music company said culture rises above music. **T / F**
- h. A Korean music company is looking forward to the future. **T / F**

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

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>popular</b>      | a. great          |
| 2. <b>received</b>     | b. skill          |
| 3. <b>considerable</b> | c. put money into |
| 4. <b>set up</b>       | d. got            |
| 5. <b>invest</b>       | e. premiere       |
| 6. <b>worldwide</b>    | f. limits         |
| 7. <b>debut</b>        | g. well-liked     |
| 8. <b>talent</b>       | h. possibilities  |
| 9. <b>boundaries</b>   | i. started        |
| 10. <b>potential</b>   | j. globally       |

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

- |                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. K-pop has become very popular     | a. popular worldwide   |
| 2. received the most views           | b. charts              |
| 3. BTS has had considerable          | c. best to help        |
| 4. have a number one on the US music | d. ever on YouTube     |
| 5. Universal will invest in          | e. come in the future  |
| 6. set to become                     | f. up with their label |
| 7. Universal has teamed              | g. around the world    |
| 8. we will do our                    | h. the platform        |
| 9. showcase our artists'             | i. success             |
| 10. We look forward to what's to     | j. potential           |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

Pop music from South Korea (K-pop) has become very (1) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world. In 2012, the South Korean artist Psy received the most (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ever on YouTube with his song Gangnam Style. In the past few years, the Korean boy band BTS has had considerable (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in America and Europe. They became the first K-pop band to have a number one on the US music (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The popularity of K-pop has caused (5) \_\_\_\_\_ record labels to put more money into Korean (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The world's biggest music label, Universal Music Group, has said it will join a live-streaming (7) \_\_\_\_\_ set up by Korea's major record labels. Universal will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the platform launched last year by Big Hit Entertainment, the company BTS belongs to.

*charts*  
*acts*  
*popular*  
*views*  
*invest*  
*major*  
*platform*  
*success*

Another Korean pop group, the girl band BLACKPINK, is also set to become (9) \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide. Universal has teamed up with their label, YG Entertainment. The chairman of YG said: "We will work (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with the biggest music company, Universal Music Group, globally for the successful global (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and promotion of BLACKPINK. In (12) \_\_\_\_\_, we will do our best to help other YG artists to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ through into the North American and European markets." YG added: "Music and real (14) \_\_\_\_\_ rise above culture and language and have no boundaries. Through this partnership we feel we can (15) \_\_\_\_\_ showcase our artists' potential on a bigger (16) \_\_\_\_\_. We look forward to what's to come in the future.

*break*  
*debut*  
*popular*  
*truly*  
*closely*  
*talent*  
*scale*  
*addition*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

- 1) Pop music from South Korea (K-pop) has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. became very popular
  - b. becoming very popular
  - c. become very popular
  - d. becomes very popular
- 2) the South Korean artist Psy received the most views \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. never on YouTube
  - b. even on YouTube
  - c. every on YouTube
  - d. ever on YouTube
- 3) In the past few years, the Korean boy band BTS has \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. had considerable success
  - b. had considerably success
  - c. had consider a ball success
  - d. had consider able success
- 4) K-pop has caused major record labels to put more money \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. into Korean pacts
  - b. into Korean facts
  - c. into Korean acts
  - d. into Korean tacks
- 5) launched last year by Big Hit Entertainment, the company \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. BTS belongs too
  - b. BTS belongs to
  - c. BTS belongs two
  - d. BTS belongs ton
- 6) Universal has teamed up with their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. revel, YG Entertainment
  - b. rebel, YG Entertainment
  - c. ladel, YG Entertainment
  - d. label, YG Entertainment
- 7) globally for the successful global \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. day view and promotion
  - b. day boo and promotion
  - c. debutant and promotion
  - d. debut and promotion
- 8) Music and real talent rise above culture and language and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. have not boundaries
  - b. have no boundaries
  - c. have non boundaries
  - d. have know boundaries
- 9) Through this partnership we feel we can truly showcase \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hour artists' potential
  - b. awe artists' potential
  - c. our artists' potential
  - d. all artists' potential
- 10) We look forward to what's to come \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in a future
  - b. in them future
  - c. in the future
  - d. in that future

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

Pop music from South Korea (K-pop) has become (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world. In 2012, the South Korean artist Psy received the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on YouTube with his song Gangnam Style. In the past few years, the Korean boy band BTS (3) \_\_\_\_\_ success in America and Europe. They became the first K-pop band to have a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the US music charts. The popularity of K-pop has caused major record labels to put more money into Korean acts. The world's biggest music label, Universal Music Group, has said it will join a live-streaming platform (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Korea's major record labels. Universal (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the platform launched last year by Big Hit Entertainment, the company BTS belongs to.

Another Korean pop group, the girl band BLACKPINK, is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ become popular worldwide. Universal has teamed up with their label, YG Entertainment. The chairman of YG said: "We will work closely with the biggest music company, Universal Music Group, globally for the successful (8) \_\_\_\_\_ promotion of BLACKPINK. In addition, we will do our best to help other YG (9) \_\_\_\_\_ through into the North American and European markets." YG added: "Music and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ above culture and language and have no boundaries. Through this partnership we feel we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ our artists' potential on a bigger scale. We (12) \_\_\_\_\_ what's to come in the future."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

1. When did the artist Psy have a big YouTube hit?
2. Where does the article say BTS has had considerable success?
3. How many K-pop bands had a U.S. number one before BTS?
4. What are major record labels putting into Korean acts?
5. What is the name of the label BTS belongs to?
6. What is the name of the label BLACKPINK belongs to?
7. Who said he would work closely with Universal?
8. Who does a chairman want to help break through into the U.S. market?
9. What did a record label say rises above culture and language?
10. What does the label feel the partnership can do to its artists?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

- 1) When did the artist Psy have a big YouTube hit?
  - a) 2014
  - b) 2012
  - c) 2013
  - d) 2015
- 2) Where does the article say BTS has had considerable success?
  - a) South America
  - b) Japan and China
  - c) Thailand and India
  - d) the USA and Europe
- 3) How many K-pop bands had a U.S. number one before BTS?
  - a) none
  - b) one
  - c) two
  - d) three
- 4) What are major record labels putting into Korean acts?
  - a) effort
  - b) instruments
  - c) money
  - d) lyrics
- 5) What is the name of the label BTS belongs to?
  - a) Hit Big Entertainment
  - b) Big Hit Entertainment
  - c) Big Entertainment Hit
  - d) Big Big Entertainment
- 6) What is the name of the label BLACKPINK belongs to?
  - a) YG Entertainment
  - b) XK Entertainment
  - c) QK Entertainment
  - d) RY Entertainment
- 7) Who said he would work closely with Universal?
  - a) a musician
  - b) the BTS lead singer
  - c) the chairman of a label
  - d) a journalist
- 8) Who does a chairman want to help break through into the U.S. market?
  - a) other artists
  - b) his daughter
  - c) BTS
  - d) Korean boy bands
- 9) What did a record label say rises above culture and language?
  - a) music and real talent
  - b) lyrics and songs
  - c) musicianship and dancing
  - d) boy bands and girl bands
- 10) What does the label feel the partnership can do to its artists?
  - a) make them famous
  - b) make them rich
  - c) give them big houses in the US
  - d) showcase their potential

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

## **Role A – Pop**

You think pop is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): opera, jazz or rock.

## **Role B – Opera**

You think opera is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): pop, jazz or rock.

## **Role C – Jazz**

You think jazz is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): opera, pop or rock.

## **Role D – Rock**

You think rock is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least listenable of these (and why): opera, jazz or pop.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

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

pop	music

- 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"><li>• become</li><li>• views</li><li>• success</li><li>• major</li><li>• join</li><li>• belongs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• girl</li><li>• teamed</li><li>• debut</li><li>• break</li><li>• feel</li><li>• future</li></ul>
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# POP MUSIC SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

Write five GOOD questions about pop music 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.

# POP MUSIC 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 'pop music'?
3. What do you know about K-pop?
4. What do you think of the pop music from your country?
5. Why do you think K-pop is becoming more popular?
6. What do you think of boy bands?
7. What is your favourite kind of music?
8. Who are your favourite artists?
9. How important is it for songs to be in English?
10. Do you prefer artists from your country or from America?

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# POP MUSIC 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 'music'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about BTS and BLACKPINK?
15. Would you like to be a pop star?
16. Would you prefer to be a singer or musician?
17. How important is music to you?
18. How important is it that singers can dance?
19. Why are bands from the US and UK so popular?
20. What questions would you like to ask BTS?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

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Another Korean pop group, the girl band BLACKPINK, is also (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to become popular worldwide. Universal has teamed (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with their label, YG Entertainment. The chairman of YG said: "We will work (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with the biggest music company, Universal Music Group, globally for the successful global debut and promotion of BLACKPINK. In addition, we will do our best to help (10) \_\_\_\_\_ YG artists to break through into the North American and European markets." YG added: "Music and real talent (11) \_\_\_\_\_ above culture and language and have no boundaries. Through this partnership we feel we can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ showcase our artists' potential on a bigger scale. We look forward to what's to come in the future."

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

- |     |                 |                  |              |               |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) poplar      | (b) popularity   | (c) pop      | (d) popular   |
| 2.  | (a) looking     | (b) watched      | (c) sees     | (d) views     |
| 3.  | (a) considerate | (b) considerable | (c) consider | (d) considers |
| 4.  | (a) to          | (b) on           | (c) of       | (d) at        |
| 5.  | (a) join        | (b) joint        | (c) joining  | (d) joiner    |
| 6.  | (a) to          | (b) of           | (c) at       | (d) as        |
| 7.  | (a) vet         | (b) met          | (c) let      | (d) set       |
| 8.  | (a) up          | (b) down         | (c) on       | (d) in        |
| 9.  | (a) closed      | (b) closely      | (c) close    | (d) closes    |
| 10. | (a) another     | (b) others       | (c) other    | (d) otter     |
| 11. | (a) rising      | (b) arisen       | (c) rise     | (d) riser     |
| 12. | (a) truth       | (b) truly        | (c) true     | (d) truths    |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. very porlpau around the world
2. considerable scusecs
3. The rptpoaluyi of K-pop
4. Korea's aromj record labels
5. a live-irsaemngt platform
6. the platform lhucnade last year

## Paragraph 2

7. the successful global eubdt
8. onomprito of BLACKPINK
9. other YG satrsti to break through
10. Music and real atltne rise above culture
11. have no uinodrasbe
12. showcase our artists' peanttloi

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) to put more money into Korean acts. The world's biggest music label, Universal Music Group,
- ( ) years, the Korean boy band BTS has had considerable success in America and Europe. They became the first
- ( ) K-pop band to have a number one on the US music charts. The popularity of K-pop has caused major record labels
- ( ) for the successful global debut and promotion of BLACKPINK. In addition, we will do our
- ( ) labels. Universal will invest in the platform launched last year by Big Hit Entertainment, the company BTS belongs to.
- ( ) best to help other YG artists to break through into the North American and European markets." YG added:
- ( **1** ) Pop music from South Korea (K-pop) has become very popular around the world. In 2012, the South Korean
- ( ) worldwide. Universal has teamed up with their label, YG Entertainment. The chairman
- ( ) of YG said: "We will work closely with the biggest music company, Universal Music Group, globally
- ( ) Another Korean pop group, the girl band BLACKPINK, is also set to become popular
- ( ) "Music and real talent rise above culture and language and have no boundaries. Through this partnership we
- ( ) has said it will join a live-streaming platform set up by Korea's major record
- ( ) feel we can truly showcase our artists' potential on a bigger scale. We look forward to what's to come in the future."
- ( ) artist Psy received the most views ever on YouTube with his song Gangnam Style. In the past few

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210313-k-pop.html>

1. become very popular . Pop has Korea from music
2. views . most received artist Korean the Psy The
3. had has America . success BTS in considerable
4. band to one . The number first have a
5. platform the launched last year . Invest in
6. set also It worldwide . is become to popular
7. biggest work We'll music the company . closely with
8. will to do help best others . our We
9. above culture . rise talent real and Music
10. forward look come . what's We to to

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Pop music from South Korea (K-pop) has *became / become* very popular around the world. In 2012, the South Korean artist Psy received the most *views / view* ever on YouTube with his song Gangnam Style. In the *passed / past* few years, the Korean boy band BTS has had considerable *successful / success* in America and Europe. They became the first K-pop band to have a number one *on / at* the US music charts. The popularity of */ at* K-pop has caused major record labels to put *many / more* money into Korean acts. The world's biggest music label, Universal Music Group, has said it will *join / joint* a live-streaming platform set *up / down* by Korea's major record labels. Universal will invest in the platform *launching / launched* last year by Big Hit Entertainment, the company BTS belongs to.

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**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)

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# 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. POP MUSIC:** Make a poster about pop music. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SINGING:** Write a magazine article about all schools teaching children to sing well. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 pop music. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. a	4. i	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. b	9. f	10. h

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 2012
- The USA and Europe
- None
- Money
- Big Hit Entertainment
- YG Entertainment
- The chairman of YG
- YG artists
- Music and real talent
- Showcase their potential

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Pop music from Korea has become very popular.
- The Korean artist Psy received the most views.
- BTS has had considerable success in America.
- The first band to have a number one.
- Invest in the platform launched last year.
- It is also set to become popular worldwide.
- We'll work closely with the biggest music company.
- We will do our best to help others.
- Music and real talent rise above culture.
- We look forward to what's to come.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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