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## Level 2

### Korean boy band BTS No.1 in US album chart

30th May, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts-2.html>

A Korean band reached number one in the U.S. album charts for the first time. The boy band BTS debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart with their new album, "Love Yourself: Tear". The seven-member band released their album on May 18. It sold 135,000 copies in the first week, including CDs and streamed music. The album is the second top-10 hit for K-pop. The first was also an album by BTS. The group thanked their fans 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 in 2013. The group quickly became a big success in Korea with their debut song. They won several New Artist of the Year awards. Their popularity soon spread and they started to get many fans in Japan and the USA. They have many followers on social media. In March 2016, they broke the record for the most re-tweeted artist. In December 2017, they were the world's most tweeted about celebrities. They got over half a billion likes or re-tweets. BTS' new album is mostly in Korean. Even though there is little English on the album, they have sold out 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>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A Korean band reached          | a. in the first week |
| 2. The boy band BTS debuted       | b. overwhelming      |
| 3. The seven-member band released | c. hit for K-pop     |
| 4. It sold 135,000 copies         | d. doing our best    |
| 5. including CDs and              | e. their album       |
| 6. the second top-10              | f. streamed music    |
| 7. It's wonderful and very        | g. number one        |
| 8. We will keep                   | h. at No. 1          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The group quickly became    | a. English on the album |
| 2. They won several New Artist | b. on social media      |
| 3. Their popularity soon       | c. billion likes        |
| 4. They have many followers    | d. out tours            |
| 5. They got over half a        | e. in Korean            |
| 6. BTS' new album is mostly    | f. of the Year awards   |
| 7. there is little             | g. a big success        |
| 8. they have sold              | h. spread               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Korean band reached (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the U.S. album charts for the first time. The boy band BTS debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart with (2) \_\_\_\_\_, "Love Yourself: Tear". The seven-member band released their album on May 18. It sold 135,000 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ first week, including CDs and streamed music. The album is (4) \_\_\_\_\_-10 hit for K-pop. The first was also an album by BTS. The group thanked their (5) \_\_\_\_\_: "It's wonderful and very overwhelming. Thank you everyone who has listened to our music. We will keep (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

BTS (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 2013. The group quickly became a big success in Korea with (8) \_\_\_\_\_. They won several New Artist of the Year awards. Their popularity soon spread and they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ many fans in Japan and the USA. They have many followers on social media. In March 2016, they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for the most re-tweeted artist. In December 2017, they were the world's most tweeted about celebrities. They (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a billion likes or re-tweets. BTS' new album is mostly in Korean. Even though there is little English on the album, they have (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# K-POP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180530-k-pop-bts-4.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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

