

Korean boy band BTS No.1 in US album chart

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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 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: billboard.com / mashable.com / koreaherald.com

Writing

Pop music is the best kind of music. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

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

True / False

- 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

Synonym Match

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

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| 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 |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about K-pop?
- b) What is your favourite kind of music?
- c) How big is this news for K-pop?
- d) What do you think of boy bands?
- e) Is music becoming more international?
- f) Do you listen to songs sung in other languages?
- g) How important are the album charts?
- h) Do you prefer buying albums or singles?

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Phrase Match

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- The seven-
- including CDs and
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- member K-pop band

Discussion – Student B

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

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. h	7. a	8. d	9. g	10. e

Role Play

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.

Speaking – Listen

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

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

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.