

① Watch the video and match the words with their definitions.

- K-Pop (1)  A is a K-Pop team who performs as a group.
- concert (2)  A is someone who raps.
- stage (3)  A is presenting a play or concert.
- mic (4)  A is someone who dances.
- fans (5)  A is a live performance by artists.
- lightsticks (6)  A makes your voice louder.
- performance (7)  The is where singers perform.
- idol (8)  A is someone who sings.
- singer (9)  love the K-Pop group and enjoy their music.
- rapper (10)  A is a K-Pop singer who performs alone.
- dancer (11)  is Korean pop music.
- group (12)  are used to cheer K-Pop idols.
- solo (13)  is the Korean term for a K-Pop singer.

English Singing → K-pop vocabulary



BTS



Blackpink



Twice

② Take a look at the pictures of these famous K-Pop groups. Do you notice any things that are the same in their photos? This could be things like clothes they're wearing, how they're posing, or what the background looks like, etc. Make notes.




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③ **K-Pop brainstorm** → Take a few minutes to think about or discuss with classmates what you already know about K-Pop. Make notes. Consider the following questions:

- 1) Have you heard about K-pop before?
- 2) Can you name any K-pop groups or artists other than the above?
- 3) Do you know what K-pop music sounds like?
- 4) Have you seen any K-pop performances or music videos?
- 5) What do you think makes K-pop special or different?

④ Knew or new? Let's put your knowledge to the test!

You will be given a list of **facts about K-Pop**. Read each fact carefully and decide whether each fact is something you already knew (tick „knew“) or if it's new information to you (tick „new“).



	<b>knew</b>	<b>new</b>
1) K-Pop is a type of music from South Korea that people all around the world really like.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) K-Pop groups have lots of fans who enjoy their music, dancing, and fashion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) In K-Pop groups, many people sing and dance together. They have fun songs with cool dances.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Fans can learn these dances and sing along to the songs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) K-Pop groups also have special fashion styles that fans really like.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) The internet has made K-Pop really famous. Fans can easily find and share videos online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) Websites like YouTube and Twitter have helped K-Pop become famous everywhere.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8) K-Pop groups often sing in Korean, but they also use English words in their songs. This makes it easy for fans from different countries to enjoy their music.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9) K-Pop groups are active online. They talk to fans on social media and do live events. This helps fans feel close to the groups and to each other.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10) K-Pop has made a big impact on music and culture all over the world.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ⑤ Read through the facts again and pick the right answer.

**1. What is K-Pop?**

- a) music from South Korea  
 b) music from North Korea  
 c) both a and b

**2. What do K-Pop groups have besides music?**

- a) cool dances  
 b) special fashion styles  
 c) both a and b

**3. What can fans do with K-Pop songs?**

- a) learn the dances  
 b) sing along to the songs  
 c) both a and b

**4. How has the internet helped K-Pop become famous?**

- a) fans can easily find and share videos online  
 b) Websites have helped K-Pop become famous everywhere  
 c) both a and b

**5. What language do K-Pop groups often sing in?**

- a) Korean  
 b) English  
 c) both a and b

**6. What helps fans feel close to K-Pop groups?**

- a) K-Pop groups talk to fans on social media  
 b) K-Pop groups do live events  
 c) both a and b

⑥ Let's dive into the world of K-Pop and discover its pros and cons.

You will find a list of statements below. For each statement, decide if it's a pro (something positive) related to K-Pop or a con (something that may not be positive). Tick the right box.



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| 1) The outfits and backgrounds in K-Pop music videos look really fancy.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) K-Pop helps people see South Korea's economy and music industry.                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) K-Pop stars may feel stressed or have health problems because fans and companies put pressure on them.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Some fans might get angry when K-Pop groups change members often.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) If you like K-Pop, you can learn about Korea's culture and language.                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) Some people believe that K-Pop artists work too much for very little money.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) People all over the world love to watch K-Pop because it's fun.                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) Fans can sometimes cross the line by sending scary messages or following their favorite idols too much. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) Young people might feel bad about their bodies because of the strict beauty standards in K-Pop.         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10) K-Pop stars are great at singing, dancing, and acting.                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Fun facts**

1. K-Pop started in the 1990s but became super famous in the early 2010s.
2. The first K-Pop song on the US Billboard chart was **Nobody** by Wonder Girls in 2009.
3. BTS is a famous K-Pop group with a fan group called "ARMY." They got a #1 hit in America called **Dynamite**. The **Dynamite** video broke YouTube's record with 101 million views in 24 hours.
4. K-Pop is influenced by Korean culture, like clothes and beauty trends.
5. K-Pop groups can have many members, sometimes up to 23.
6. Many K-Pop groups have their own personalized light sticks for fans.
7. Fans of K-Pop are called "K-Pop stans."
8. K-Pop companies train their artists for years before they debut.
9. The music video for the K-Pop song **Gangnam Style** has over 3 billion views.
10. South Korea's government helps K-Pop go global with concerts and partnerships.



## ⑦ Read the fun facts about K-Pop and answer the questions.

- 1) When did K-Pop become super famous?
- 2) What was the first K-Pop song on the US Billboard chart, and when did it debut?
- 3) Who is BTS, and what is their fan group called?
- 4) Which BTS hit became #1 in America, and what record did its video break on YouTube?
- 5) How many members can a K-Pop group have?
- 6) What are fans of K-Pop called?
- 7) How has South Korea's government helped promote K-Pop globally?

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8 Read the dialogue.


**Jasmine:** Hi Rachel! Did you go to a K-pop concert yesterday?  
**Rachel:** Yes, it was great!  
**Jasmine:** Which group did you see?  
**Rachel:** BTS. They were fantastic live.  
**Jasmine:** I am jealous. Did they sing their popular songs?  
**Rachel:** Yes, and some new ones too. The performance was perfect with singing, dancing and rapping by the idols.  
**Jasmine:** Fans must have loved the light sticks in the stadium.  
**Rachel:** Absolutely. Everyone had them out during every song, which created an amazing atmosphere.  
**Jasmine:** That sounds exciting. Who is your favorite member of BTS?  
**Rachel:** I like all of them for different reasons.  
**Jasmine:** Were there any solo performances or was it just group performances?  
**Rachel:** Both. Some members performed solos while others performed as a whole group. It was really balanced.  
**Jasmine:** I wish I could've been there. Maybe next time!  
**Rachel:** You should come with me next time when BTS tours again.

9 Find words from the dialogue which mean → *eifersüchtig, beliebt, Stadion, Atmosphäre, Mitglied, Gründe, beide, ausgewogen, vielleicht.*

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10  Read what the teenagers say about K-Pop.

<p> <b>Jenny</b>                  I really like K-Pop! The songs are catchy and the dancing is amazing. I went to two BTS concerts and they were so much fun!</p>	<p> <b>Max</b>                  I don't understand why people like K-Pop so much. It's just not my thing. I think it's more important to listen to music that has a meaning.</p>	<p> <b>Samantha</b>                  K-Pop means everything to me. When I was going through a tough time, their music and videos made me happy and gave me hope.</p>	<p> <b>John</b>                  I don't like K-Pop, it's too popular. I prefer American or British music any day. The lyrics make more sense. Give me rock music!</p>
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11  What is your opinion about that kind of music? Write down a few sentences.


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12  Let's discuss these interesting questions! Think about them and make notes. Discuss in class.

- 1) What kind of music do you usually listen to? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Have you ever been to a concert before? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What is your favorite music genre? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Do you think music can bring people together? \_\_\_\_\_