

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Unit 4

Reading

Life in a K-pop academy





Kpop is popular all over the world. K-pop singers and bands like BTS and Chungha have got millions of **fans**, and many teenagers want to be the next big **star**. If they're **lucky**, they go to a special academy in South Korea. They learn to dance and sing – but life for a K-pop academy student isn't easy!

Most students are 8 to 14 years old, so they have normal lessons during the day. They get up early, sometimes at five o'clock, and have breakfast. They start school at eight. They study all day, and they don't relax between lessons. Most students practise, listen to music or write songs during the **breaks**.

They finish school at five o'clock, but they don't go home. They go to the practice rooms until dinner time.

After dinner, at seven o'clock, they have lessons in dancing and singing, and language lessons, too. Korean students learn English, Chinese and Japanese, and students from other countries learn Korean. K-pop stars often travel to other countries for **concerts**, so foreign languages are important.



Lessons finish at ten o'clock, but most students practise for another hour or two. Then they go home. They usually go to bed after midnight, and the next day, they start again!

Did you know?

K-pop, or Korean pop, is a type of music from South Korea. The music is a mix of different musical styles, including rock, pop, hip hop and jazz. K-pop stars dance and sing at the same time. They are also famous for their music videos.

Lee Jae-Gi is from Seoul. He doesn't relax after school. He studies K-pop, hip hop and singing for three hours every evening. He wants to go to a K-pop academy in the future.

Jamie Choi goes to a K-pop school in New York. She also makes music videos and puts them on the internet. She'd like to **become** a K-pop star one day.

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