READING WORKSHEET 1

9 An All-Boy Band

1 The Backstreet Boys, or BSB, is an American all-boy band. The band started with Howie Dorough, AJ McLean and Nick Carter.

2 AJ worked as a model when he was six. At that time, he also acted in school plays. When he was fourteen, he met Howie. Howie had had roles in films and plays. **They** became friends and went to auditions together. They met Nick at one of them. AJ, Howie, and Nick started singing together for a record company called Transcontinental Records.

3 The record company owner, Lou Perlman, had a friend who knew Kevin Richardson. Kevin had a job at Disney World in Orlando at the time. When Lou's friend told Kevin about the new group, Kevin decided to meet them. The four became friends and Kevin joined the group. Lou wanted one more person for the group. The fifth member was Brian Littrell, Kevin's cousin.

4 BSB released their first album in 1996. They received a gold record for this album. The second **one** followed in late 1997, but it was not as successful as the first.

5 BSB has got fans in many countries. You might even be a fan of this great band. If you want to write to them, here is the address: Backstreet Boys, Post Office Box 618203, Orlando, FL 32861-8203.

A. What do the following refer to?

1. They (para. 2) : _____
2. one (para. 3) : _____

B. Mark the following statements True (T) or False (F).

T F 1. AJ had roles in school plays at the age of six.

T F 2. Kevin was one of Lou Perlman's friends.

T F 3. BSB is not so popular outside the United States.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. How many members did the band have in the beginning?

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2. Where did Kevin work before he joined BSB?

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3. Where did AJ and Howie meet Nick?

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4. Who joined the group last?

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5. Was the first album of BSB a success? How do you know?

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6. Where in America do BSB live?

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