

BTS - Reading Comprehension

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.

Vocabulary

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| 1. overwhelming | a. A collection of songs put on a CD, record, mp3 file, etc. |
| 2. social media | b. A very strong feeling. |
| 3. album | c. Organized people or things into a group or body. |
| 4. formed | d. Doing something you really wanted to do. |
| 5. success | e. Websites and apps that let people create and share things. |

Comprehension Questions

How many times has a K-pop band been No 1 in the US album charts?

- a) many times b) never c) this was the first time d) five times

When did BTS release their new album?

- a) May 24 b) June 18 c) May 18 d) December 2017

How many copies did the album sell in the first week?

- a) 1 million b) 200 albums c) 130,000 d) 135,000

On what social media platform did BTS thank their fans?

- a) Twitter b) Snapchat c) Facebook d) Instagram

What did BTS say they would keep doing?

- a) making new songs b) doing their best c) touring the US d) thanking fans