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Level 0 – 20th October, 2022

K-pop stars BTS to do military service

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The seven members of the boy band BTS will soon be in the army. They will take a break from music to do two years' of military service. All healthy men in Korea aged between 18 and 28 must do this. South Korea is technically still at war with North Korea. A spokesperson said BTS wanted to do their duty.

Many Koreans do not want BTS to do military service. Korea's government said BTS could do it when they are 30 years old. BTS have brought a lot of attention to Korea. They also got praise for talking about mental health issues. The government said BTS could practice and perform together in the army.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/music/2022/oct/17/bts-k-pop-members-military-service-south-korea>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-63282589>
<https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20221017000727>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. seven members of | a. do their duty |
| 2. BTS will soon be in | b. break from music |
| 3. They will take a | c. 18 and 28 |
| 4. do two years' | d. men |
| 5. All healthy | e. with North Korea |
| 6. aged between | f. the army |
| 7. still at war | g. the boy band |
| 8. BTS wanted to | h. of military service |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Koreans do not want BTS to | a. of attention |
| 2. Korea's government said BTS | b. practice |
| 3. when they | c. could do it |
| 4. BTS have brought a lot | d. the army |
| 5. They also got | e. do military service |
| 6. talking about mental | f. praise |
| 7. The government said BTS could | g. health issues |
| 8. perform together in | h. are 30 years old |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The seven members (1) _____ band BTS will soon be (2) _____. They will take a break from music to do two years' of military service. All (3) _____ Korea aged between 18 and 28 (4) _____. South Korea is technically (5) _____ with North Korea. A spokesperson said BTS wanted to (6) _____. Many Koreans (7) _____ BTS to do military service. Korea's government said BTS (8) _____ when they are 30 years old. BTS (9) _____ lot of attention to Korea. They (10) _____ for talking about (11) _____. The government said BTS could practice and perform (12) _____ army.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MILITARY SERVICE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about military service in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

