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Uniquely K-pop or Not?

An activity of "How music travels".

What makes a music group a K-pop group? Can a group with origins outside of South Korea and made up of non-Koreans call itself a K-pop group? Let's take a closer look at these questions.

1. Read "How music travels" (pages 18–19, *What's Up* October 2023).
2. With your group, discuss what criteria a band should meet to qualify as a K-pop group.

You may wish to consider these:

- members' nationalities and where the group is based
- where members had trained before the group's debut
- whether they are managed by a Korean music agency
- the singing and dancing abilities of the members
- the language that the members sing in
- the image of the members, and any other valid points.

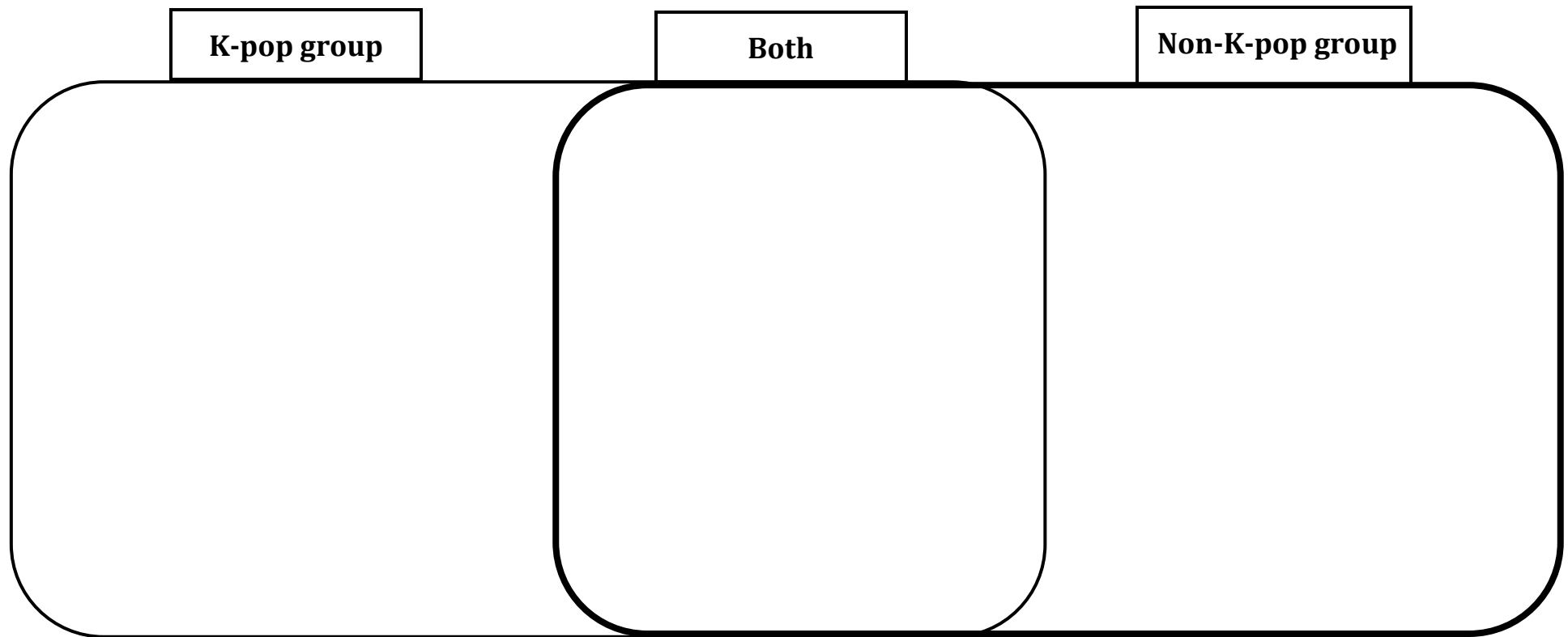
3. Jot down your points in the table below.

Criteria to be considered a K-pop group

- In your group, take turns to share and listen to each other's views on whether each criterion is unique to K-pop groups, common to both K-pop and non-K-pop groups or unique to non-K-pop groups.
- Complete the Venn diagram to display your key points.

Reminders

- Listen to each other's views. Everyone is entitled to his/her view.
- If you disagree, do it respectfully.
- You can agree to disagree. Agreeing to disagree means that no one needs to give up their views just to agree with everyone.



In the final analysis, K-pop or not, we have all sorts of good music to listen to and enjoy!