

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH PART 2

FILL IN THE GAPS WITH ONE WORD

K -pop Dreams

As students wait outside an exam room in Seoul's affluent Gangnam district, the air is tense. A girl in a school uniform rocks a guitar back and forth in her hands next to a boy 1 _____ stares nervously into his fringe. Another girl sitting 2 _____ a nearby bench adjusts her crop top. But in a neighbourhood filled with English and maths crammers, this is no normal exam room. Mudocor Academy is a K-pop training school, where dozens of students 3 _____ the ages of 12 and 26 line up for their chance to audition for a visiting entertainment scout.

Kevin Lee is 4 _____ this group of hopefuls. At 19, he has already moonlighted 5 _____ a backup dancer for the phenomenally successful K-pop group BTS. He estimates that he has attended more than 50 K-pop auditions 6 _____ the past four years. But this hasn't been enough. Concerned about his age – most entertainment companies recruit school-aged trainees – Lee says he will give 7 _____ on his dream if he isn't accepted into a major entertainment company this year.

"It's hard 8 _____ to think about failure," he says. "They say at 17 you have a 50% chance of becoming a trainee. I'm already 19 so my chances are slim."

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ANSWERS:

1. WHO / THAT
2. ON
3. BETWEEN
4. AMONG
5. AS
6. OVER
7. UP
8. NOT