**BTS,** also known as Bangtan Boys, is a seven-member South Korean boy group formed by Big Hit Entertainment. [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band))

[**Origin**](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=bts+origin&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKww1pLNTrbSzy0tzkzWTywqySwusUpOLEpNLVIoLgHyAbZJskYtAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0Q6BMIgAEoADAO)**:**[Seoul, South Korea](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=Seoul&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKwwVuIAsTOKC9O0ZLOTrfRzS4szk_UTi0oyi0uskhOLUlOLFIpLgHwAaeh-uDcAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0QmxMIgQEoATAO) (2013)

[**Albums**](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=bts+albums&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKww1hLPTrbSzy0tzkzWTywqySwusUrMSSrNLQYAbOUXWCcAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0Q6BMIhAEoADAP)**:**[Dark & Wild](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=Bangtan+Boys+Dark+%26+Wild&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKwwVuIGsQ0NC5Kziku0xLOTrfRzS4szk_UTi0oyi0usEnOSSnOLAft27kw0AAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0QmxMIhQEoATAP), [Wake Up](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=Bangtan+Boys+Wake+Up&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKwwVuIGsQ2NkpOz0yq0xLOTrfRzS4szk_UTi0oyi0usEnOSSnOLAbzLOkQ0AAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0QmxMIhgEoAjAP), [more](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=bts+albums&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKww1hLPTrbSzy0tzkzWTywqySwusUrMSSrNLQYAbOUXWCcAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0Q44YBCIcBKAMwDw)

[**Genres**](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=bts+genres&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKww1lLNKLfST87PyUlNLsnMz9PPLS3OTE7MiU8sKsksLim2Sk_NK0otBgBYVLyENQAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0Q6BMIigEoADAQ)**:**[K-pop](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=K-pop&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKwwVuIEsY0qMyxytFQzyq30k_NzclKTSzLz8_RzS4szkxNz4hOLSjKLS4qt0lPzilKLAfa0V8xAAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0QmxMIiwEoATAQ), [Hip hop music](https://www.google.com.ph/search?biw=1366&bih=667&q=Hip+hop&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3KDezKKwwVgKz03NKzMwNtFQzyq30k_NzclKTSzLz8_RzS4szkxNz4hOLSjKLS4qt0lPzilKLAWRlJABBAAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiCl-Ct07nOAhUDmpQKHQvrCE0QmxMIjAEoAjAQ)

### Pre-debut

BTS's first members were recruited through [Big Hit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Hit_Entertainment)'s "Hit it" auditions in 2010 and 2011. The original lineup for Bangtan went through several changes before the final group of members was established in 2012. Half a year prior to debut, the members began building their name and creating a relationship with fans through [Twitter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twitter), video blogs, fancafe posts, and by releasing various song covers via [YouTube](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YouTube) and [SoundCloud](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SoundCloud" \o "SoundCloud).[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-6)

Before debuting in 2013, [Rap Monster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rap_Monster) was already performing as an underground rapper and had released several tracks informally, including a collaboration with [Zico](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zico_(rapper)" \o "Zico (rapper)).[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-INTERVIEW_Bangtan_Boys-7)[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-8) Suga was also an underground rapper in [Daegu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daegu" \o "Daegu),[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-9) and J-Hope, who was part of a street dance team named NEURON, was active in the underground dancing scene, participating in various battles and competitions.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-10) Before joining [Big Hit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Hit_Entertainment), Jimin entered Busan High School of Arts as the top student in modern dance, but later transferred to Korea Arts High School with V, who auditioned in [Daegu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daegu" \o "Daegu).[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-11) Jungkook was casted by multiple agencies after leaving auditions for [Superstar K](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superstar_K), but eventually chose [Big Hit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Hit_Entertainment),[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-12) whilst Jin had been a student at [Konkuk University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konkuk_University" \o "Konkuk University) before being streetcast for auditions.

### 2013–2014: Debut with *2 Cool 4 Skool*, *Dark & Wild*, and *Wake Up*

The first album of BTS's "school trilogy" series and their debut single album, [*2 Cool 4 Skool*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2_Cool_4_Skool), was released on June 13, 2013, with the lead single "No More Dream".[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-debutshowcase-1)[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-13) On September 11, BTS released their first mini-album, [*O!RUL8,2?*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O!RUL8,2%3F), which consisted of 10 tracks.

They also starred in their own variety show, [SBS-MTV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SBS_MTV)'s *Rookie King Channel Bangtan*. The premise of the show was based on a fake broadcast station, "Channel Bangtan", through which the members parodied variety shows including *VJ Special Forces* and *[MasterChef Korea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MasterChef_Korea" \o "MasterChef Korea)*. *Rookie King Channel Bangtan* premiered its eight-episode run on September 3, 2013.

On December 9, 2013, Suga was diagnosed with [appendicitis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Appendicitis) while promoting with the group in Japan. He was flown back to Korea to receive surgery and was therefore unable to participate in the [2014 Idol Star Athletics Championships](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Idol_Star_Athletics_Championships) or BTS's [*SBS Gayo Daejeon*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SBS_Gayo_Daejeon) and [*MBC Gayo Daejejeon*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MBC_Gayo_Daejejeon) year-end performances.[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-14)[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-15)

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BTS in 2014 performing at [Mnet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mnet_(TV_channel)" \o "Mnet (TV channel)) [*M! Countdown*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M!_Countdown)

The third part of the "school trilogy", their second mini-album *[Skool Luv Affair](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skool_Luv_Affair" \o "Skool Luv Affair)* was released on February 12, 2014.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-16)[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-17) BTS promoted the album's title track "Boy in Luv (상남자)", releasing its music video on February 11.[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-18) BTS came back with "Just One Day (하루만)" with its music video released on April 6.[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-19) The band's Japanese debut album, *2 Cool 4 Skool*, was released on April 23; their first single was a Japanese version of "No More Dream".[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-20)

On June 14, BTS took part in the *Bridge to Korea* Festival in [Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia), an event that aimed to promote tourism between the two countries. There, they became judges of a K-pop cover dance competition and later performed on stage in front of 10,000 spectators.[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-21) The group also attended [KCON in Los Angeles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KCON_(music_festival)) alongside [Girls' Generation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Girls%27_Generation) and other artists on August 10, 2014.[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-22)

On August 19, BTS released their music video for their comeback single, "Danger" from their first full album, [*Dark & Wild*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dark_%26_Wild) which sold over 109,098 copies. They made a comeback with "War of Hormone (호르몬 전쟁)", a track from *Dark & Wild*. Its music video was released on October 21, 2014.[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-23) BTS continued to promote in Japan, releasing their first Japanese studio album, [*Wake Up*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wake_Up_(BTS_album)), on December 24. This album not only included Japanese versions of their songs, but also their first Japanese original tracks: "Wake Up" and "The Stars".[[24]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-24)

BTS performed at the [2014 Mnet Asian Music Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2014_Mnet_Asian_Music_Awards) red carpet event and had a collaboration stage with [Block B](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Block_B) during the awards show.[[25]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-25) BTS then held their first concert tour, *2014* *BTS Live Trilogy – Episode II: The Red Bullet*, throughout October, November, and December. They toured Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, and Malaysia.[[26]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-26)

### 2015–present: *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life*

From February 10 to 19, BTS kicked off their first Japan tour, *Wake Up: Open Your Eyes*. They toured Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, and Fukuoka, and performed for 25,000 fans.[[27]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-27)On March 20, member Rap Monster released his first mixtape: *RM*, releasing three music videos for tracks: "Awakening (각성) ", "Do You", and "Joke (농담)".[[28]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-28) On March 28, BTS held their second solo concert in Korea, *BTS Live Trilogy – Episode 1: BTS Begins*.[[29]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-29)

The group's third EP, [*The Most Beautiful Moment in Life, Part 1*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Most_Beautiful_Moment_in_Life,_Part_1), was released on April 29, 2015.[[30]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-30) It was listed in June by [Fuse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fuse_(TV_channel)) as one of the "27 Best Albums of 2015 So Far" and was the only Korean album listed that year.[[31]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-31) On May 5, 2015, their title track "I Need U" won first place on [SBS MTV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SBS_MTV)'s [*The Show*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Show_(South_Korean_TV_series)), which marked their first win since their debut.[[32]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-32) Signal Entertainment announced that *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life, Part 1* had sold over 180,000 copies since its release.[[33]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-33)

On June 4, 2015, BTS released their fourth Japanese single, "For You", to celebrate their first anniversary of their Japanese debut,[[34]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)" \l "cite_note-34) with its music video released on the same day. The single climbed to the top on [Oricon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oricon_Albums_Chart" \o "Oricon Albums Chart)'s daily chart, selling 42,611 copies within its first day.[[35]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-35) On June 23, BTS released their music video for their follow up single, "Dope (쩔어)", receiving 1,000,000 views in less than 15 hours.[[36]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-36) "Dope (쩔어)" rose to its peak at number 3 on [Billboard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billboard_charts)'s World Digital Chart despite being released two months earlier.[[37]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-37)

The group's world tour, [*2015 Live Trilogy Episode: The Red Bullet*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_BTS_Live_Trilogy_Episode_II:_The_Red_Bullet), continued with stops in Malaysia, Latin America, Australia, the U.S., and ended in Hong Kong on August 29.[[38]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-38)BTS was a part of the 2015 [Summer Sonic Festival](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summer_Sonic_Festival) tour in Japan, performing on August 15 at Tokyo's [QVC Marine Field](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/QVC_Marine_Field) and on the 16th in Osaka.[[39]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-39)[[40]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-40) On September 8, it was announced that BTS would have a comeback with the [second part of *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Most_Beautiful_Moment_in_Life,_Part_2) album on November 30. They also held a three-day concert tour, *The Most Beautiful Moment in Life: On Stage* from November 27 to 29, where they showcased their title track, "Run".[[41]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-41)[[42]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-42) On October 19, it was announced that BTS would be the new brand ambassador for sports brand [*Puma*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puma_SE).[[43]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-43) The band released the Japanese version of "I Need U" as their fifth Japanese single on December 8.[[44]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-44)

In 2016, the group were met with a series of endorsements, with [Nexon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nexon" \o "Nexon) announcing in January that they will be releasing character avatars based on the members for their [RPG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Role-playing_game" \o "Role-playing game)game, *[Elsword](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elsword" \o "Elsword)*.[[45]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-45) They were also selected as the new models for [SK Telecom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SK_Telecom) company in February, as well as the face of BBQ Chicken in April.[[46]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-46)[[47]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-47) BTS released their sixth Japanese single, "Run", on March 15.[[48]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-48) They released a special compilation album, [*The Most Beautiful Moment in Life: Young Forever*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Most_Beautiful_Moment_in_Life:_Young_Forever), on May 2; they held two days of concerts at Olympic Stadium Gymnastics Arena in Seoul from May 7 to 8 in support of their albums.[[49]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-49) The concerts were successful, with a capacity crowd of 24,000 fans in attendance.[[50]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-50) After that, the group started their Asia tour. The tour was successful, and all 144,000 concert tickets were sold out.[[51]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-51) The group also headlined [KCON](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KCON) in both [Los Angeles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles) and [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York) in June and July 2016 to both sold out audiences.[[52]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-52)

## Artistry and musical influences

The group's musical style and image ranges from a tough, "bad boy" image to a more youthful image, nevertheless mainly influenced by hip hop and R&B. [MTV](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MTV)'s Corynn Smith stated that BTS has incorporated hip hop beats and rock-inspired elements for their singles: "Danger" and "Boy in Luv (상남자)".[[53]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-mtviggy.com-53) BTS has been labelled as "[K-pop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-pop)'s Social Conscience" by Jeff Benjamin from [Fuse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fuse_(TV_channel)), who wrote that the group has found "a way to speak honestly about topics they deem important, even in a conservative society."[[54]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-:0-54)

Through their many releases, BTS has tackled school bullying, the pursuit of happiness and rejecting society's ideals in their lyrics.[[54]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-:0-54) They play an active role producing their music, and all members participate in the musical and lyrical composition of their songs.[[55]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTS_(band)#cite_note-cuvismmag.com-55)

**They are multilingual.**

It is well known that Rap Monster is fluent in English because he taught himself, however did you know that he also speaks Japanese? Jin speaks Mandarin. V speaks Japanese. All of these great influences seem to be rubbing off on the other members! J-Hope and V are both said to be learning Mandarin, and last week KCON released a short hello message from the boys of BTS to their fans where three of them speak in English very clearly.

**.They can pull off any concept.**

K-pop is known for concepts, and BTS has had their share of them. Everything from bad boy to school boy, they manage to pull off any concept their stylists throw at them.

**4. They are well-rounded.**

Each has their own unique personality that really brings this group to life. From aegyo to composing music and writing raps, BTS has is it all. They even have budding photographers, a chef, and an artist in their midsts.

**5. They write most of their own stuff.**

Although some of the fine tuning may need a hand, J-Hope, Rap Monster, and Suga have all participated in the writing and composing of songs for various releases.

**Bangtan Boys Live in Manila** on July 30, 2016 at the Mall of Asia Arena. **2016 BTS Live On Stage Epilogue Manila** is presented by **PulpLive World** in partnership with Globe and 28 Black.

Making their debut in 2013, Korean hip-hop ensemble BTS composed of Rap Monster, Suga, Jin, J-Hope, Jimin, V and Jungkook proved to be a force to be reckoned with in the global world of K-pop.

Tours and concerts

**Korean/Asian Tour**

* 2014 BTS Live Trilogy-Episode II: The Red Bullet (2014)
* BTS Live Trilogy Episode I: BTS Begins (2015)
* The Most Beautiful Moment in Life On Stage (2015)
* The Most Beautiful Moment in Life On Stage: Epilogue (2016)

**Japan Tour**

* BTS's First Japan Tour-Wake Up: Open Your Eyes (2015)

**World Tour**

* [2015 BTS Live Trilogy Episode II: The Red Bullet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_BTS_Live_Trilogy_Episode_II:_The_Red_Bullet) (2015)