

A2 Spelling

Be yourself say K-pop group with positive message

Fill in the text with the three missing letters: a e o

F_ur m_mb_rs _f _n _ll-girl gr_up _r_ by th_ms_lv_s ch_nging K-pop. Th_ m_mb_rs _f K-pop gr_up Blackswan _r_ _ll f_r_ign. Sriya is Indian, Fatou is Belgian, Gabi is Brazilian, _nd Nvee is American. But th_y h_v_ _ll f_und succ_ss in th_ K-pop m_rk_t.

S_m_ s_y th_t Blackswan c_nn_t b_ K-pop if n_n_ _f th_m _r_ Korean. H_w_v_r f_ns s_y th_ gr_up f_rm_d its_lf in Korea, h_v_ _ Korean m_n_g_r, _nd sing in Korean. Blackswan d_n't mind th_s_ c_mm_nts. Th_y h_v_ bigg_r w_rri_s, such _s d_ily pr_ctic_. Fatou s_m_tim_s _sks h_rs_lf, "I c_n't d_nc_, I c_n't r_p ... Wh_t _m I d_ing?"

Blackswan b_li_v_ th_ futur_ _f K-pop is th_irs. Sriya s_ys skin c_l_ur d__sn't m_tt_r _nd "_v_ryb_dy c_n d_ it." _s _ K-pop gr_up th_y _r_ unusu_l _nd n_t _nly b_c_us_ _f th_ir b_ckgr_unds. _s _rtists th_y m_k_ us _sk _urs_lv_s th_ qu_sti_n, "wh_t _r_ th_s_ cultur_s _f y_urs _nd min_?"

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Answers

Four members of an all-girl group are by themselves changing K-pop. The members of K-pop group Blackswan are all foreign. Sriya is Indian, Fatou is Belgian, Gabi is Brazilian, and Nvee is American. But they have all found success in the K-pop market.

Some say that Blackswan cannot be K-pop if none of them are Korean. However fans say the group formed itself in Korea, have a Korean manager, and sing in Korean. Blackswan don't mind these comments. They have bigger worries, such as daily practice. Fatou sometimes asks herself, "I can't dance, I can't rap ... What am I doing?"

Blackswan believe the future of K-pop is theirs. Sriya says skin colour doesn't matter and "everybody can do it." As a K-pop group they are unusual and not only because of their backgrounds. As artists they make us ask ourselves the question, "what are these cultures of yours and mine?"

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