

MUST-Know Expressions for K-POP Fans



Hello everyone! Today I am going to tackle a very interesting topic. I know that there are many people who love Korean idols, K-Pop stars. So today, we will learn many Korean expressions that you must know if you love K-Pop. Shall we start right away!

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1. 최애

This word is used a lot! Maybe you have heard of it before. “최” means the best or the most, and “애” means love. 최애 means what or who you love the most. It also refers to your **ultimate bias**, in other words, your favorite member in the group.

너 방탄 중에서 최애가 누구야? Tell me your bias among BTS?
당연히 RM이지. Definitely RM.

어디야? Where are you?

나 교촌에서 치킨 먹고 있어. I'm at Kyochon. Eating chicken.

헐.. 거기 내 최애 치킨집이야. OMG. It's my favorite chicken place.

2. 덕질

The word “덕” originally comes from the Japanese word “Otaku”, which means a person who is obsessed with particular aspects of popular culture especially in anime and manga. Yeah. It's kind of a maniac in a negative way. Korean people have adapted this word to mean a maniac who investigates something with passion. To eliminate the negative feeling of “Otaku”, people change the word to 덕후, which sound quite neutral.

The word “질” refers to frequent and repetitive acts in Korean language. To translate the word 덕질 in English, it could be “**to geek out**” or be someone's **fangirl** or **fanboy**.

나 방탄 덕후야. I am a fangirl of BTS

너 몇 살인데 덕질을 하나. You are too old to geek out.

3. 입덕

When 덕후 is paired with 입, which means to enter or join, it becomes 입덕. And the meaning of 입덕 is **joining the fandom or becoming someone's fan**.

너 그 영상 봤어? Did you see that video?

어, 그 영상 보자마자 블랙핑크한테 입덕했어. As soon as I saw that video, I became BLACKPINK's fan.

너 공부 안 해? Why don't you study?

나 진짜 공부해야하는데.. 입덕함. I really have to focus on study... But he made me join the fandom.

4. 탈덕

Then, shall we take a look at the opposite word? When someone is **no longer a fan**, the word 탈덕 is used. 탈 comes from 탈퇴하다, which means to disassociate from something and 덕 is from 덕후.

그거 봤어? 사회적 거리두기를 무시하고 200명을 불러서 생일파티를 했다. Did you see that? He violated the social distance and called 200 people to have his birthday party.

말도 안 돼. 그럼 나 탈덕할래. No way. I'm not his fan anymore.

5. 성덕

Let's say someone has been a long-time fan of this idol and then later becomes his actual friend. Maybe this person becomes a singer too and collaborates with her favorite star or even



marries him. All these instances are a **fan's biggest dream** and this fan would be referred to as a **성덕**.
성 comes from **성공한**, which means being successful, and **덕** is from **덕후**.
민지 정국이랑 결혼한다는거 들었어? Did you hear that Minji is going to marry Jungkook?
헐.. 대박 성덕이네. What the hell? She made it big.

6. 늦덕

늦 is from the verb **늦다**, which means to be late, and **늦덕** means **“to join the fandom late”**.
늦덕하려고 하는데 나이가 너무 많은가? Am I too old to becoming a fan?
나이가 뭐 상관이야? Age is just a number.

7. 덕밍아웃

This word comes from the English phrase **“coming out”**. **덕밍아웃** refers to **come out as someone's fan**.
배경화면 바꿨네? 너 애 좋아해? Did you change the wallpaper? Do you like him?
헐 덕밍아웃 당함. OMG. You outed me.

8. 굿즈

굿즈 is originally from the English word **“goods”**, but in popular culture, it refers to celebrity-related props, photographs of celebrities, video DVDs or T-shirts, stickers, and accessories with animated characters. They are also called **MD**, an abbreviation of merchandise.
이번 GOT7 앨범 굿즈 봤어? Have you seen this new MDs from GOT7's new album?
당연히 봤지!! 바로 사야지. Of course! I'll buy them right away.

9. 비담(비주얼 담당)

비주얼 담당 is a combined word. **비주얼** originates from the English word **“visual”**, it's usually used with the meaning of someone's appearance. **담당** means to be in charge of, to take charge of, or to be responsible for something. Literally, **비주얼 담당** translates as **“visually in charge”** it is used to refer to someone who is the most attractive or good looking in the band or K-POP group. **비주얼 담당** is commonly used as the abbreviation word **비담**.
헐.. 저 사람 누구야? Omg who is that?
진이잖아. This is JIN.
와.. 진짜 잘생겼네? Awe. He is good looking.
비담이잖아. I know. He is very attractive.

10. 라방

“라” is from the English word **“live”** and **“방”** is from **방송**, which means broadcast. So, **라방** means live broadcast or live streaming. This word refers to various types of media that are broadcast, such as YouTube, Instagram, V Live and so on.
방탄 유튜브에서 라방 중이야! BTS is streaming on YouTube.
오 지금 봐야지! I'm gonna watch it now.



Practice

Please fill the blanks with a proper word.

내가 원래 ○○그룹의 ____야.

내 ____ 멤버가 그룹의 ____이야.

내가 지금까지 나온 그 멤버의 ____를 다 샀고 내 꿈은 그 멤버랑 친구가 돼서 성
덕이 되는 거야.

근데 어제 ____에서 그 멤버가 스타일리스트한테 욕을 했어.

너무 너무 놀랐고 갑자기 그 멤버가 싫어졌어.

내가 입덕한지 5년이 지났는데 그 멤버의 이런 모습을 보니까 너무 실망해서 ____
했어.

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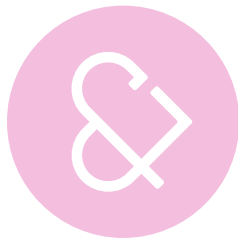
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