# **LESSON 1**

# Five Ways to Survive High School

Hi, everyone! I'm Dylan. Welcome to my **channel**<sup>1</sup>. My younger brother弟弟 is just starting high school, and he is super超級 **nervous**緊張<sup>2</sup> about it. Maybe you are a **freshman** 高一新生<sup>(1)</sup> too, and feel the same way. So, I'm going to give you guys大家 夥伴 five tips小撇步 to help you **survive**<sup>3</sup> high school.

#### 1. Be willing<sup>4</sup> to 樂意 LEARN.

Let's face it. High school means意味著 a lot of **assignments**作業=**homework** <sup>(2)</sup>. You'd better take your studies學業 <u>seriously 認真對待</u>. But grades成績 are not everything不是一切. There are other "lessons" to learn, such as time **management**時間管理<sup>5</sup>, **creative** thinking 創意思考, and the **ability**能力<sup>7</sup> to **solve**解決<sup>8</sup> problems解決問題. These skills will help you get through school and the real world in the future.

## 2. Stay保持 healthy健康的 and happy.

Try to **exercise**運動<sup>9</sup> for 30 minutes a day and get 8 hours of sleep every night. These good habits習慣 will give you a clearer更清晰的 mind心智. Also此外, keep a little time for your hobbies嗜好, like movies電影 or online games線上遊戲, though雖然 you will be busy. Don't let讓 homework, tests and all your school **activities**<sup>10</sup> burn you out.

#### 3. Meet more people by joining加入 a school club社團.

A school club is a good place to meet new people. You may even become **lifelong**一生 的<sup>(3)</sup> friends—I met my best friends in the basketball club. If you are shy害羞的, try your best to盡全力 start conversations對話 with people. You might feel **uncomfortable**<sup>11</sup>, but it's **worth**值得<sup>12</sup> the **effort**努力<sup>13</sup>.

#### 4. Ask for尋求 help幫助.

This is really important重要的. If someone **bullies**霸凌<sup>(4)</sup> you, talk to your parents父母 and teachers about it right away馬上. We all have the right權利 to feel safe. Adults成人 can help you if you have a bullying problem.

#### 5. NEVER永不 Give Up放棄.

High school life can be hard困難的=difficult. Losing輸掉 a big game比賽, failing不及格<sup>14</sup> an important test, having a fight吵架 with friends or parents—everyone makes mistakes 犯錯, but we can always learn something from them. When you feel sad and alone孤單的, try to give yourself more time and space空間. And don't give up. Just rest<sup>15</sup> for a while一陣子 and try again.

Nobody can see the future未來, but everyone has the chance機會 to have a good one=future. Just start believing in yourself, and you'll be fine. Thank you for visiting my channel and see you again soon.

— by Dylan Bates

# Vocabulary

- 1. **channel** [`tFAn>] *n*. [C] 頻道
  - ► I don't watch TV often, except for the movie channels.
- 2. nervous [`n3vEs] adj. 緊張不安的
  - ► Sherry <u>is</u> very <u>nervous about</u> her first date tomorrow.
- 3. **survive** [sL`valv] v. [T] 倖存, 存活
  - ► Those people were very lucky to survive the bad road accident.

- 4. willing [`wlllN] adj. 樂意的 unwilling
  - ► Marcia's children <u>are</u> always <u>willing to</u> help her clean the house.
- 5. management [`mAnldVmEnt] n. [U] 管理
  - ► William is good at <u>time management</u> and always finishes things on schedule. manage [`mAnldV] v. [T] 管理 handle
  - ► Mrs. Fitch manages an office with twelve people.
- 6. **creative** [krl'etlv] *adj*. 有創造力的, 有創意的 imaginative
  - ► The artist must be very creative to paint these wonderful pictures. create [krl'et] v. [T] 創造 make, invent
  - ▶ One of my classmates created a new smartphone app by herself.
- 7. ability [E`bllEtl] n. [C] 能力 skill
  - ▶ Dave is important to our team because of his ability to pass the ball so well.
- 8. solve [sBlv] v. [T] 解決 figure out
  - ▶ You need to face the problem. You can't solve it by just running away. solution [sE`luFEn] *n*. [C] 解決(法)
  - ► You can find the <u>solutions to</u> these questions on page 94.
- 9. exercise [`ZksL9salz] v. [I] 運動
  - ► Thomas exercises by jogging for half an hour in the evenings.
- 10. activity [Ak`tlvEtl] n. [C] 活動
  - ► There will be food, drinks and many fun activities at the picnic.
- 11. **uncomfortable** [Qn`kQmfLtEb>] *adj*. 不安的;不舒服的 comfortable
  - ► It was quite uncomfortable to stand up and speak in front of so many strangers.
  - ▶ The seat on the plane was uncomfortable, and I had neck pain after the flight.
- 12. worth [w3W] adj. 有……價值的
  - ► The article is difficult but interesting, and it's worth reading a few times.
- 13. **effort** [`**ZfLt**] *n*. [C, U] 努力, 盡力
  - ► Mom was ill, so we all <u>made an effort</u> to take care of her.
- 14. **fail** [**fel**] ν. [T] 使不及格, 未通過(考試) **pass** 
  - ► My brother failed his driving test three times before he finally passed it.
- 15. **rest** [rZst] v. [I, T] 休息
  - ► My feet are hurting and I need to stop and rest for a while. rest [rZst] n. [C] 休息
  - ▶ We took a rest for five minutes and then continued with our basketball practice.
- 2. Words for Recognition
- 1. **freshman** [`frZFmEn] n. [C] (尤指中學、大學的)一年級新生
- 2. assignment [E`salnmEnt] n. [C] 功課

- 3. lifelong [`lalf9lCN] adj. 終身的
- 4. **bully** [`bJII] v. [T] 霸凌 n. [C] 霸凌者 bullying [`bJIIIN] n. [U] 霸凌

#### 3. Idioms and Phrases

- 1. had better ('d better) 最好
  - ► The sun is very strong today, so you'd better wear a hat if you go out.
- 2. take ... seriously 認真對待
  - ► She didn't take the class seriously and failed it in the end.
- 3. get through 安然度過(難關)
  - ► A good friend can help you get through difficult times.
- 4. **burn sb. out** 使(某人)筋疲力竭
  - ▶ I need to work twelve hours a day for a big task. It really burns me out.
- 5. right away 立刻, 馬上
  - ► Call me if you need, and I'll come over right away.
- 6. believe in 信任, 對……有信心
  - ► I believe in you; you can do this.

#### LESSON 2

# Wu Pao-Chun—Baking His Way to Success

Name說出名字¹ a baker麵包師傅² from Taiwan. Maybe you will think of想到 Wu Paochun<sup>(1)</sup> first. He is a world世界 champion冠軍³ baker and owns擁有 several一些popular受歡迎的⁴ bakeries麵包店. There are books and a movie about him. He is surely a big name大人物 now. However然而=But, Wu's road to success 成功之路⁵ was never easy.

Wu grew up長大 in a very poor貧窮的 family of eight children. His father died死 when he was only a boy, and he had to help his mother. At 15, he went to Taipei and learned to make bread, but life did not treat對待 the young man well. Wu was allergic to對...過敏flour麵粉 When he was baking, he kept sneezing打噴嚏 (3). Even worse更糟糕的是, the skin on his hands and face turned變成 red. Yet=But 但是, (his passion熱忱 for baking) kept him going. He also faced many other difficulties 困難 because of 由於 his poor不好的education教育 Wu made up his mind下定決心 to change things. He learned Japanese, English, and new baking烘焙 skills技巧. All his hard work paid off有了收穫 when Wu was 40 years old. In 2010, he won a top baking contest比賽 in France法國 with his own special recipe食譜 (5).

These days最近, Wu never stops thinking about new ways of baking. "To me, bread is art, not just food," he once said. Although雖然 Wu has traveled to Japan and Italy to learn from other bakers, he wants to give a local當地的 flavor<sup>11</sup> to his bread. For this reason, he gets fresh新鮮的 ingredients食材<sup>(6)</sup> from farmers農夫 in Taiwan. Wu always wants to learn more. In 2013, he went to the National University of Singapore and graduated畢業<sup>12</sup> with a Master's degree碩士<sup>(7)</sup> three years later. He also teaches other bakers to improve改善<sup>13</sup> their skills. Wu got help from many people on his way to success. Now, he helps others. To Wu Pao-chun, the key<sup>14</sup> to success成功的關鍵 is to keep on持續 learning學習.—by Martin

## Vocabulary

- 1. Words for Production
- 1. name [nem] ν. [T] 說出.....的名字, 舉出
  - ► Little Tommy is very smart. He can name all the big cities in Taiwan.
- 2. baker [`bekL] n. [C] 麵包師傅
  - ▶ David is a baker, and he has his own store.

bakery [`bekErl] n. [C] 麵包店

► Mila bought some bread from this bakery.

bake [bek] v. [T, I] 烤, 烘焙

- ▶ Betsy will bake a cake for her brother's birthday.
- 3. **champion** [`tFAmplEn] *n*. [C] 優勝者, 冠軍保持人 winner
  - ► The best player will become the world champion.
- 4. **popular** [`pBpjEIL] *adj*. 受歡迎的, 流行的 unpopular
  - ▶ Coffee is a popular drink around the world. popularity [9pBpjE`lArEtl] n. [U] 受歡迎, 流行
  - ► This book has great popularity among young readers.
- 5. **success** [**sEk**`**sZs**] *n*. [U] 成功 achievement failure 失敗
  - ►Mr. Stone is happy about his daughter's <u>success in</u> school. succeed [sEk'sid] v. [I] 成功
  - ► Everyone hopes to <u>succeed in</u> life, but not everyone works hard. successful [sEk`sZsFEl] *adj*. 成功的
  - ► Andrew's dream is to become a successful singer.
- 6. treat [trit] v. [T] 對待
  - ► Jane's boyfriend <u>treated her badly</u>, so she left him.
- 7. **flour** [`flaJL] *n*. [U] 麵粉
  - ► You'll need flour, eggs, sugar, and butter to make a cake.
- 8. passion [`pAFEn] n. [U, C] 熱忱
  - ▶ Joe has a passion for sports, and baseball is his favorite.
- 9. **difficulty** [`dlfE9kQltl] *n*. [C] 難題, 困難之處 problem
  - ▶ Don't run away from difficulties—learn to face them. difficult [`dlfE9kQlt] adj. 困難的
  - ► The teacher's question is too difficult, so Anne doesn't know the answer.
- 10. education [9ZdVE`keFEn] n. [U, sing.] 教育
  - ► A good education and skills are needed to get a good job.
- 11. **flavor** [`flevL] n. [sing.] 特色, 風情; [C, U] 味道, 風味

- ► People came from many countries to take part, so the festival <u>had an</u> international <u>flavor</u>.
- ➤ You should add some pepper to the soup to give it a stronger flavor.
- 12. graduate [`grAdVJ9et] v. [I] 畢業
  - ▶ Some people choose not to go to college right after they <u>graduate from</u> high school. graduation [9grAdVJ`eFEn] *n*. [U, C] 畢業, 畢業典禮
  - ▶ Because she was ill, May's graduation from high school was delayed by a year.
- 13. **improve** [Im`pruv] v. [T] 改善, 使進步
  - ▶ Stop smoking, and you'll improve your health. improvement [Im`pruvmEnt] n. [U] 改良, 進步
  - ► There was a lot of improvement in Janet's cooking after she took some classes.
- 14. key [ki] n. [C] 關鍵, 祕訣
  - ► What's the <u>key to</u> a happy life?

# 2. Words for Recognition

- 1. **Wu Pao-chun** [`wu `paJ`tFJn] *n*. 吳寶春(台灣屏東人, 贏得二○一○年法國世界盃麵包大賽的冠軍)
- 2. allergic [E`l3dVlk] adj. 過敏的
- 3. sneeze [sniz] v. [I] 打噴嚏
- 4. contest [`kBntZst] n. [C] 比賽, 競賽
- 5. **recipe** [`rZsEpl] n. [C] 烹飪法, 食譜
- 6. **ingredient** [In`gridInt] *n*. [C] 成分, 食材
- 7. Master's degree [`mAstLz dl`gri] n. 碩士學位

#### 3. Idioms and Phrases

- 1. think of 想到
  - ► Colin thought of a good name for his new cat.
- 2. big name 名人, 重要人物
  - ▶BTS is one of the biggest names in Korean pop music now.
- 3. make up one's mind 決定, 下決心
  - ► Make up your mind! Which skirt do you want to buy?
- 4. pay off 有回報, 得到好結果
  - ► His years of practice paid off when Dominic won the piano contest.
- 5. keep on 繼續(做.....)
  - ► The boy kept on asking his mother questions.

# LESSON 3

# Riding Your Bike in Taiwan

What's your **favorite**<sup>1</sup> way to **get around**? For more and more people, riding a bicycle is becoming their first choice. Bicycle-sharing **systems**<sup>2</sup> are popular in many big cities like **London**<sup>(1)</sup>, **Paris**<sup>(2)</sup>, and New **York**<sup>(3)</sup>). People can **rent**<sup>3</sup>

bicycles for a short time and ride them around the city. In Taiwan, you can see orange and yellow bicycles on the streets of Taipei and Kaohsiung. They belong to the **YouBike**<sup>(4)</sup> system.

YouBikes first **appeared**<sup>4</sup> in Taipei in 2009. Other cities soon followed Taipei's example. Taichung started its iBike in 2014, and Tainan started its T-Bike in 2016. These public bikes are different in name and color, but some of the systems **fit**<sup>5</sup> with each other. For example, if you have lots of

**energy**<sup>6</sup>, you can rent a YouBike in Taipei and **return**<sup>7</sup> it in Taichung. What's more, the system has improved since the launch<sup>(5)</sup> of the yellow and white YouBike 2.0 in 2020.

YouBike 2.0 has some new **features**<sup>8</sup>. The bike **docks**<sup>(6)</sup> use **solar**<sup>(7)</sup> power **instead** of **electricity**<sup>9</sup>, and the bikes have a better **locking**<sup>10</sup> system. People can rent bikes by using an **Easycard**<sup>(8)</sup> or a QR **code**<sup>(9)</sup>. Now, sharing a bike is not only convenient but also more **eco-friendly**<sup>(10)</sup>, **user-friendly**<sup>(11)</sup>, and smart.

If you are a **tourist**<sup>11</sup>, riding a bike is a good way to **explore**<sup>12</sup> cities at your own speed. Beautiful rivers, parks, buildings, and temples are within reach in a one-day **cycling**<sup>13</sup> tour. If you find any good restaurants or shops, you can stop off anytime. So, why not be part of the **trend**<sup>14</sup>? You can cycle your way to a lot of fun!

— by Valerie Hubbard

# Vocabulary

- 1. favorite [`fevrlt] adj. 特別喜愛的
  - ► Autumn is my favorite season because I love the beautiful colors of the trees.
- 2. **system** [`slstEm] n. [C] 系統, 組織
  - ► The city's subway system should be made cheaper.
- 3. **rent** [**rZnt**] v. [T] 租用, 出租 hire
  - ► We rented a car for the trip to the beach. rent [rZnt] n. [U, C] 租金
  - ► How much do you pay in rent?
- 4. appear [E`plr] v. [I] 出現, 顯現 show
  - ► The first smartphone appeared in the early 1990s.
- 5. **fit** [flt] v. [I] 合適, 符合
  - ► This software does not <u>fit with</u> our computer system, so we cannot use it.
- 6. **energy** [`**ZnLdVI**] *n*. [U] 精力, 活力
  - ▶I can't believe Ella has enough energy to go running after school! energetic [9ZnL`dVZtlk] adj. 精力充沛的
  - ▶ Bobby is an energetic child, and he loves to run around outside.

- 7. **return** [rl`t3n] v. [T] 歸還, 交還
  - ► Ada wants to go to the library to return some books.
- 8. **feature** [`fitFL] n. [C] 特色, 特徵
  - ► The large front windows are my favorite feature of our house.

feature [`fitFL] v. [T] 以……為特色

- ► The restaurant features a wide range of tasty desserts.
- 9. electricity [9ilZk`trlsEtl] n. [U] 電, 電能
  - ► Simon didn't pay his bill and the electricity in his apartment was cut off. electrical [l'IZktrlk>] *adj.* 電的, 與電有關的
  - ► My parents' store sells all kinds of <u>electrical goods</u>, including TVs and washing machines.
- 10. lock [IBk] v. [T, I] 上鎖, 鎖住
  - Lock all the doors and windows before you go to bed.
- 11. **tourist** [`tJrlst] n. [C] 觀光客 visitor, traveler
  - ► The beach is always full of tourists in summer. tour [tJr] n. [C] 觀光旅行
  - ► My family <u>went on a tour</u> to Japan last winter.
- 12. **explore** [lk`splor] v. [T] 探索 search
  - ▶ I went to Paris last year and had a great time exploring the city. explorer [lk`splorL] n. [C] 探險者
  - ► The explorer was the first person to travel across Africa alone.
- 13. **cycle** [`**salk>**] v. [I] 騎腳踏車 bike
  - Finally, she succeeded in cycling up the hill.

cycle [`salk>] n. [C] 腳踏車

- ► Maybe I'll go for a cycle ride on Saturday.
- 14. **trend** [trZnd] *n*. [C] 風尚, 趨勢
  - ► When the pop star wore one of these T-shirts on a TV show, he <u>started</u> a new fashion <u>trend</u>.
- 2. Words for Recognition
- 1. London [`IQndEn] n. 倫敦(英國的首都)
- 2. **Paris** [`pArls] *n*. 巴黎(法國的首都)
- 3. New York [nju `jCrk] n. 紐約(位於美國東北部紐約州, 是美國人口最多的城市)
- 4. **YouBike** [9ju`balk] *n*. 微笑單車(公共自行車租賃系統)
- 5. launch [ICntF] n. [sing.] 啟用

- 6. **dock** [dBk] n. [C] 泊位(此指停車柱)
- 7. solar [`solL] adj. 太陽的
- 8. Easycard [`izlkBrd] n. 悠遊卡
- 9. QR code [`kju Br 9kod] n. 二維矩陣碼
- 10. eco-friendly [`iko9frAndll] adj. 環保的, 不損害環境的
- 11. **user-friendly** ['juzL `frZndll] *adj*. 易於使用的
- 3. Idioms and Phrases
- 1. get around往來各地
  - ► How do you usually get around the city? By bus?
- 2. belong to屬於……所有
  - ► This beautiful house belongs to a movie star.
- 3. follow sb.'s example以某人為榜樣
  - ► You should follow your brother's example and study hard.
- 4. instead of取代……, 而不是……
  - ► Instead of staying home all day, why don't you go to the mall with your sister?
- 5. within reach可到達的距離
  - ▶ Our hotel on the island was within easy reach of three beautiful beaches.
- 6. stop off中途稍作停留
  - ► Let's stop off for a milkshake on our way home after school.

## LESSON 4

# **Shopping with Mom**

I thought about Mom again this morning. When I was a child, she often asked me to go shopping with her. I hated it! I liked to play outside with my brothers. Then Mom appeared. "Let's go shopping!" she said. She **dragged**<sup>(1)</sup> me around the stores and showed me clothes and **cosmetics**<sup>(2)</sup>, but I was never **interested**<sup>1</sup>.

One day, the shopping trips **suddenly**<sup>2</sup> **ended**<sup>3</sup>. Mom had a **terrible**<sup>4</sup> **accident**<sup>5</sup> when we were crossing the street. A bus was driving toward us, but it didn't stop at the traffic light. It was about to **hit**<sup>6</sup> us. Mom pushed me away from the bus, but the bus hit her. After that, she had to stay in bed all the time. I took care of her but often felt bad. Mom never **blamed**<sup>7</sup> me for her **situation**<sup>8</sup>. She was always in a good **mood**<sup>9</sup>. "Shelley," she kept saying, "let's go shopping." I turned on the computer, and we **browsed**<sup>(3)</sup> the **online**<sup>10</sup> stores together.

Sadly, Mom died four years ago. Before she died, I was studying business and planning to start my own company after I graduated from school. Last year, I opened an online **clothing**<sup>11</sup> store. Yes, I finally started to love shopping. I also got lots of great ideas about online shopping when I took those "trips" with Mom. Ever since she left me, I have thought about her every day. Although the days of shopping with Mom have gone, they will always be in my mind.

In one way, Mom is still alive<sup>12</sup>. I named my online store "Barbara's Place" after Mom. Barbara's Place has grown fast, and sales of our clothing and cosmetics are increasing<sup>13</sup> every month. Yesterday, a big online company contacted<sup>14</sup> me. They want to buy our site<sup>(4)</sup>, but I'll never sell it. It's Mom's store.

—by Monica Reed

## Vocabulary

- 1. interested [`IntrIstId] adj. 感興趣的
  - ► Mia is not interested in sports. interesting [`IntrlstIN] *adj.* 有趣的, 引起興趣的
  - ► Let's do something interesting this weekend.
- 2. **suddenly** [`sQdn. II] *adv*. 突然地, 出其不意地 unexpectedly
  - ▶ Why did she suddenly cry out? sudden [`sQdn. ] adj. 突然的, 出乎意料的
  - ► A sudden loud noise woke me up in the middle of the night.
- 3. **end** [Znd] v. [I] 結束, 終了
  - ▶ The story ends happily. end [Znd] *n*. [C] 結束,終了
  - ► Saturday is the end of the week.
- 4. **terrible** [`tZrEb>] *adj*. 嚴重的,可怕的 horrible, awful
  - ► Josh has terrible injuries from the war.
- 5. accident [`AksEdEnt] n. [C] 事故, 意外
  - ▶ Dane lost his leg because of a car accident. accidental [9AksE`dZnt>] *adj*. 意外的, 偶然的
  - ► The accidental fire did not kill anybody.
- 6. **hit** [hlt] v. [T] (hit, hit, hit) 撞到, 碰到
  - ► Grace's car almost hit a tree.
- 7. **blame** [blem] v. [T] 責備, 責怪
  - ► Don't <u>blame</u> anybody else <u>for</u> your own mistakes.
- 8. situation [9sltFJ'eFEn] n. [C] 處境, 狀況
  - ► Sometimes we have to face difficult situations in life.
- 9. **mood** [mud] n. [C] 心情, 情緒
  - ►I'm not in the mood for having fun.
- 10. **online** [`Bn9lAn] *adj*. 與電腦連線的, 線上的
  - ► Online shopping is very convenient.
- 11. **clothing** [`kloTIN] *n*. [U] 衣類 clothes
  - ▶ Food and clothing are basic human needs. clothes [kloz] *n*. [pl.] 衣服

- ► Don't spend so much money on new clothes.
- 12. alive [E`lalv] adj. 活的, 在世的 living
  - Are both of your grandparents still alive?

live [IIV] v. [I] 活, 生存

- ► Amy is 20 years old, but she still can't live away from her parents.
- 13. **increase** [In'kris] v. [I] 增加, 提高 rise decrease減少, 降低
  - ▶ Oil prices have increased a lot because of the war. increase [`Inkris] n. [C] 增加, 增值
  - ► Karen is happy about the increase in her pay.
- 14. contact [`kBntAkt] v. [T] 連繫, 接觸 get in touch with
  - ► You can contact me by e-mail.

contact ['kBntAkt] n. [U] 連繫, 接觸

► I don't have much contact with Bob.

#### 2. Words for Recognition

- 1. **drag** [drAg] v. [T] 強迫帶去;拉,拖
- 2. cosmetic [kBz`mZtlk] n. [C] (usu. pl.) 化妝品
- 3. **browse** [braJz] v. [T](上網)瀏覽, 搜尋
- 4. **site** [salt] *n*. [C] (= website) 網站

#### 3. Idioms and Phrases

- 1. all the time始終, 一直
  - ► Let's take a break—we can't work all the time.
- 2. take care of照顧
  - ► She's old enough to take care of herself.
- 3. in one way就某種意義來說
  - ► In one way, my oldest sister is like a mother to me.
- 4. name sb./sth. after sb. 以某人之名為……命名
  - ► William named his daughter after his mother.

#### LESSON 5

## Do You Know About the Korean Wave?

People in many countries are swimming in "hallyu<sup>(1)</sup>," the Korean<sup>(2)</sup> Wave<sup>1</sup>. They are going crazy for pop<sup>(3)</sup> bands from South Korea. The country's TV dramas<sup>2</sup> and movies are shown around the world. Why is Korean pop culture<sup>3</sup> so popular?

The Korean Wave began on TV. People love K-dramas. Their **screenwriters**<sup>(4)</sup> **come up** with all kinds of interesting stories, and some **scenes**<sup>4</sup> in these dramas are **filmed**<sup>5</sup> in beautiful places **worldwide**<sup>(5)</sup>. These scenes, when they are **combined**<sup>6</sup> with stories, make for an **enjoyable**<sup>7</sup> watching experience. For example, the lovely views of Switzerland<sup>(6)</sup> make

people feel like falling in love when they watch *Crash Landing on You*<sup>(7)</sup>. People also enjoy seeing **good-looking**<sup>8</sup> actors and actresses. Sweet, funny, or exciting moments between these **characters**<sup>9</sup> keep people coming back for more.

Korean pop music, or K-pop, is also taking the world by storm. Korean music companies are good at turning artists<sup>10</sup> into idols<sup>(8)</sup>. Idol groups appear in exciting music videos with amazing<sup>11</sup> dance steps. However, becoming an idol is not easy. The best artists have practiced singing, dancing, and acting from a very young age. Korean music companies always look for new people in Korea and many other countries. Because standards<sup>12</sup> are high, only a few of them can really start a career in show business. Some become superstars and fashion<sup>13</sup> leaders, like TWICE<sup>(9)</sup> and BTS<sup>(10)</sup>. Young people like to copy their hair, makeup<sup>(11)</sup>, and clothing styles<sup>14</sup>.

Good **marketing**<sup>(12)</sup> has also helped Korean pop culture do well. The Korean government has strongly **developed**<sup>15</sup> its cultural **industry**<sup>16</sup> since the early 1990s. Korean culture and **customs**<sup>17</sup> can be seen in almost all K-dramas. Now Korean foods, clothing, and other **products**<sup>18</sup> are popular **abroad**<sup>19</sup>. The Korean Wave keeps moving faster and faster. Will it ever stop? Who can say?

— by Valerie Hubbard

# Vocabulary

- 1. wave [wev] n. [C] 潮流
  - ► Her clothing style is part of a new wave of fashion.
- 2. **drama** [`drBmE] n. [C] 戲劇 play
  - ► My favorite TV drama is a woman's love story.
- 3. culture [`kQltFL] n. [U, C] 文化
  - ▶ In Taiwan, night markets are an important part of <u>local culture</u>.
- 4. **film** [fllm] v. [T] 拍攝
  - ► Many scenes in this movie were filmed in Paris.
  - film [fllm] n. [C] 電影, 影片 movie
  - ► Our teacher took us to see a film last week.
- 5. **scene** [sin] *n*. [C] 場景
  - ▶ I think the romantic scene at the café was the most interesting part of the movie.
- 6. **combine** [kEm`baln] v. [T] 使結合, 合併
  - ▶ You can combine black tea with ice and lemon to make a tasty cold drink.
- 7. **enjoyable** [In'dVClEb>] *adj*. 使人快樂的, 有樂趣的
  - ► The trip to the museum was very enjoyable, and we all had a good time.
- 8. good-looking [gJd`lJklN] adj. 漂亮的, 美貌的 beautiful ugly 醜的
  - ► The new student in our class is a good-looking girl.
- 9. **character** [`kArlktL] *n*. [C] 人物, 角色
  - ► The <u>main characters</u> in this movie are some cute sea animals.
- 10. artist [`Brtlst] n. [C] 藝人
  - ► Singers, dancers, and actors can all be called artists.

- 11. amazing [E`mezIN] adj. 驚人的, 令人驚喜的
  - ► Your new hairstyle is amazing and looks really good on you.
- 12. standard [`stAndLd] n. [C] 標準, 基準
  - ► Mom <u>has</u> very <u>high standards for</u> my sister and me.
- 13. **fashion** [`fAFEn] *n*. [U, C] 流行, 時尚 trend趨勢, 流行
  - ▶ Popular singers are usually fashion leaders. fashionable ['fAFEnEb>] adj. 流行的, 時尚的
  - ► Korean clothing styles are fashionable right now.
- 14. **style** [**stall**] *n*. [C] 風格, 樣式
  - ► Henry thinks his clothes <u>are</u> still <u>in style</u>, but the fashion has changed now. stylish [`stallIF] *adj*. 時髦的, 漂亮的
  - ► Angus invited his parents for dinner at a stylish restaurant last night.
- 15. **develop** [dl`vZlEp] v. [T] 發展, 使成長
  - ▶ People's lives improved as the government developed the economy. development [dl`vZlEpmEnt] *n*. [C] 發展, 成長
  - ► The city has gone through an important development in the last ten years.
- 16. industry [`IndEstrl] n. [C] 產業
  - ▶ Because of the beautiful beaches, the <u>tourist industry</u> brings a lot of money to the island.
- 17. **custom** [`kQstEm] n. [C] 習俗, 慣例 tradition
  - ► Getting together with the family is the custom at New Year in Taiwan.
- 18. product [`prBdQkt] n. [C] 產品
  - ► How well is the new product selling? produce [prE`dus] v. [T] 生產
  - ► The farm produces rice twice a year.
- 19. **abroad** [E`brCd] *adv.* 在國外, 到國外 overseas
  - ► Have you ever <u>traveled abroad</u>?
- 2. Words for Recognition
- 1. hallyu [`hBlju] n. 韓流(韓國的電視劇、電影、音樂、各種產品在國際間的流行風潮)
- 2. **Korean** [`ko`riEn] *adj*. 韓國(人)的 South Korea [9saJW ko`riE] *n*. 南韓
- 3. **pop** [pBp] *adj*. 流行(音樂)的
- 4. screenwriter [`skrin9raltL] n. [C] 劇作家
- 5. worldwide [9w3ld`wald] adv. 遍及世界各地

- 6. Switzerland [`swlstsLlEnd] n. 瑞士
- 7. Crash Landing on You [krAF `lAndIN Bn ju] n. (韓劇)《愛的迫降》
- 8. **idol** [`ald>] *n*. [C] 偶像, 受崇拜的人
- 9. TWICE [twals] n. 南韓女子偶像團體
- 10. **BTS** [`biti`Zs] n. 南韓男子偶像團體「防彈少年團」
- 11. makeup [`mekQp] n. [U] 化妝
- 12. marketing [`mBrkltlN] n. [U] 行銷

#### 3. Idioms and Phrases

- 1. come up with想到, 提出
  - ▶ Oliver came up with a good idea for solving this problem.
- 2. feel like想要, 想做
  - ► I really feel like having some ice cream right now.
- 3. make for帶來, 導致
  - ► The delicious coffee and warm conversation with my friends made for an enjoyable afternoon.
- 4. take ... by storm完全征服, 使……完全迷住
  - ► This new video game has taken the country by storm.
- 5. be good at擅長於
  - ► Leo is very good at playing basketball.
- 6. turn ... into ... 使……改變成……
  - ► Time has turned the little girl into a beautiful young woman.
- 7. look for尋找
  - ► I'm looking for Daniel. Have you seen him today?

# LESSON 6 "Strange" Ways to Start the Year

What did you do last New Year's Eve? Like people almost everywhere<sup>1</sup>, maybe you counted down to midnight<sup>2</sup> and watched fireworks<sup>3</sup> go off. However, many places have their own special ways of welcoming<sup>4</sup> the New Year. Here are some examples.

In **Scotland**<sup>(1)</sup>, there are many New Year **traditions**<sup>5</sup>, and the best known is "first-footing." The first person to set foot in your house on New Year's Day can bring you **luck**<sup>6</sup> for the whole year. A tall young man with dark hair is especially welcome. He should bring you one or two gifts. Then you will be able to have a good year.

When the New Year arrives<sup>7</sup>, many Spanish<sup>(2)</sup> people eat twelve grapes<sup>8</sup> to bring them twelve lucky months. This tradition is called "Twelve Grapes." Each time the clock strikes<sup>9</sup>, they eat one grape. However, very few people can eat all of them in time. To help wash down the lucky grapes, people drink a type of wine. It is made from Spanish grapes. So, New Year's Eve in Spain is all about grapes.

There are also some strange New Year customs in **South America**<sup>(3)</sup>. People in **Ecuador**<sup>(4)</sup> make paper **dummies**<sup>(5)</sup>. These dummies stand for all the bad things of the past year. People **burn**<sup>10</sup> them in the street to take away the bad luck. In many South American countries, people wear **colorful**<sup>11</sup> **underwear**<sup>12</sup> on New Year's Day. The color depends on their wishes for the coming year. If they want to find love, they will wear red. Yellow is for money.

The New Year is a new **beginning**<sup>13</sup>, and people do all kinds of things to have a good year. If you are bored with the same old ways to **celebrate**<sup>14</sup> the New Year's Eve, these **weird**<sup>15</sup> and wonderful customs from around the world may get you in the **spirit**<sup>16</sup>. Have a good time!

— by Martin Mullaney

# Vocabulary

- 1. Words for Production
- 1. everywhere [`Zvrl9(h)wZr] adv. 到處, 各處 all over
  - ► Tourists are everywhere in New York City.
- 2. midnight [`mld9nalt] n. [U] 午夜零時
  - ► The big soccer game is on TV tonight, and it starts at midnight our time.
- 3. firework [`falr9w3k] n. [C] 煙火
  - ▶ We are going to start the New Year by watching the Taipei 101 fireworks show.
- 4. welcome [`wZlkEm] v. [T] 歡迎, 迎接 greet
  - ► Stan was happy to welcome all the guests to his wedding party. welcome [`wZlkEm] adj. 受歡迎的
  - ► You're always welcome in my home.
- 5. **tradition** [trE`dlFEn] *n*. [C] 傳統, 慣例 custom
  - ▶ In my country, there is a tradition of giving gifts at Christmas. traditional [trE`dlFEn>] *adj.* 傳統的,慣例的
  - ► Turkey is a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in the U.S.
- 6. luck [IQk] n. [U] 幸運, 運氣 fortune
  - ► Wearing something green will <u>bring</u> me good <u>luck</u>. lucky ['IQkI] *adj*. 幸運的
  - ► Seven is a lucky number in the West.
- 7. arrive [E`ralv] v. [I] 到來
  - ► Christmas arrives every year on December 25.

- 8. grape [grep] n. [C] 葡萄
  - ▶ Both red wine and white wine are made from grapes.
- 9. strike [stralk] v. [I, T] (strike, struck, struck/stricken)(時鐘)敲(打)
  - ► The church bell strikes every hour.
- 10. burn [b3n] v. [T, I] (burn, burned / burnt, burned / burnt) 燃燒
  - ▶ The building was <u>burned down</u> in an accident. burn [b3n] *n*. [C] 燒痕
    - ► Janice found a burn in the carpet.
- 11. colorful [`kQlLfEl] adj. 鮮豔的, 多彩的
  - ► The colorful roses in my garden are beautiful. color [`kQlL] n. [C] 顏色
  - ► A rainbow has seven colors.
- 12. underwear ['QndL9wZr] n. [U] 內衣
  - ► After Ed took a shower, he <u>put on</u> clean <u>underwear</u>.
- 13. beginning [bl'glnIN] n. [C] 開始, 起初 start end
  - ► Studying abroad is a new beginning for Roy. begin [bl'gln] v. [I] (begin, began, begun) 開始
  - ► The new school year usually begins in September.
- 14. celebrate [`sZlE9bret] v. [T, I] 慶祝
  - ► I always celebrate New Year by having a party with my friends.
- 15. weird [wlrd] adj. 奇特的 strange, odd
  - ▶ People dress up in weird clothes on Halloween.
- 16. spirit [`splrlt] n. [sing.] 心境, 態度
  - ► "Good for you. <u>That's the spirit.</u>" I said to my brother when he didn't give up and tried again.
- 2. Words for Recognition
- 1. **Scotland** [`skBtlEnd] *n*. 蘇格蘭(在大不列顛島北部)
- 2. Spanish [`spAnIF] adj. 西班牙(人)的
- 3. South America [9saJW E`mZrlkE] n. 南美洲
- 4. Ecuador [`ZkwE9dCr] n. 厄瓜多爾(南美洲國家)
- 5. **dummy** [`dQml] *n*. [C] 人像模型
- 3. Idioms and Phrases
- 1. count down (to) 倒數計時(至……)
  - ▶ Becky is counting down to the day of her wedding.

- 2. **go off**爆發, 爆炸
  - Nobody was hurt because the bomb didn't go off.
- 3. set foot in/on造訪, 踏入
  - ► Have you ever set foot in Europe?
- 4. in time來得及, 及時
  - ► Will we arrive in time for the eight o'clock movie?
- 5. stand for代表, 象徵
  - ► Red roses stand for love.
- 6. take away帶走, 消除
  - ▶ Donna took some medicine to take away the pain.
- 7. **depend on**取決於……, 視……而定
  - ► We can eat at home or go out—it depends on you.