Hello!

Welcome to K-pop Witch Academy, where trainees don't just learn how to become K-pop idols, they also train to cast powerful spells! Who knew that the perfect combination of vocals, dance and rap could make magic? Well, I had my suspicions...

Since our school days, my best friends and I have bonded over a shared love of pop music. I grew up dancing and singing along to Kylie, Beyoncé, and Britney, and honouring iconic divas like Madonna, Whitney Houston and Diana Ross. Then I discovered K-pop – a cultural phenomenon that takes performance to another level! The spectacle, humour, drama and joy of pop is something to cherish and celebrate. Its ability to transport you and lift your mood can genuinely feel like magic.

When they arrive at K-pop Witch Academy, Min, Soo and Ivy don't realise they're training to become world-class witches as well as global superstars, but, like all young people, they have star power. They just need to learn how to use it! In the first book we follow Min's point of view, in the second book, Soo's, and in the third, Ivy's. I've loved writing about their distinct personalities and their blossoming friendship as they each discover their powers and learn the most important lesson – that when they trust each other and work together, their differences only make them stronger.

Speaking of teamwork, I couldn't be luckier with the team who have made this book with me. My conversations with Seong-Jae Kong have allowed the girls' adventures to weave around Korean culture, food and folklore. His advice has made the school as authentic as a witch academy can be.

Jenn Aguilera's illustrations are truly the star of the show. She's brought Min, Soo and Ivy and their magical world to life beautifully and with such animation that they basically live in my head like real people now. Between Jenn's fabulous manga illustrations and the wonderful work of Polina Plavinskaia, designer extraordinaire, every page of the book is gorgeous. Also, now I've seen Jenn's pictures of them, I'm desperate for a nyangi of my own. She would be purple and her favourite food would be ginger biscuits.

Whether you're more of a dancer, a singer or a rapper (or a cheeky nyangi!), I hope you enjoy Min, Soo and Ivy's adventure as much as I've enjoyed creating it.

With warm wishes,

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WELCOME TO

K-pop Witch Academy

Your guide to hosting a magical event

This easy-to-use event guide has everything you need to bring the world of K-Pop Witch Academy to life in your bookshop, library or event space.

During the event, young readers will become magical K-pop trainees, create their own K-pop witch identity, put their creativity to the test and discover the world of K-Pop Witch Academy.

The activities are designed to be flexible, so you can run the complete event or pick and choose the elements that work best for your space, audience and available time. No specialist K-pop or magical knowledge required!



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At a glance: The event

Recommended age: 7-10

Event length: 30-60 mins

Group size: flexible

Staff required: 1 host (plus additional support staff for larger groups)

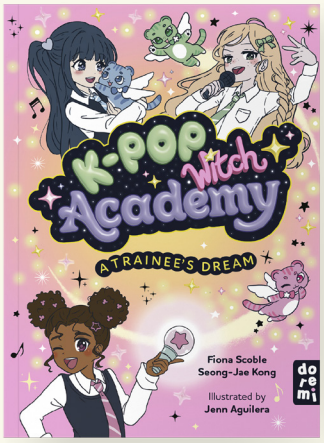
You will need: printed activity sheets, pens/pencils, colouring materials, copies of K-Pop Witch Academy and optional music/speaker

Before your event

We recommend:

- [ ] Printing one activity pack for each attendee
- [ ] Printing an academy certificate for each attendee
- [ ] Having plenty of colouring materials to hand
- [ ] Displaying copies of K-Pop Witch Academy prominently in the event space
- [ ] Setting up an area/tables where attendees can complete activities
- [ ] Creating a photo area
- [ ] Finding/creating a K-pop playlist to play during the event
- [ ] Choose which activities to run during the event (see the activities sheet)

At a glance: The book



An elite K-pop academy. Three aspiring idols. And one enormous secret: the perfect performance can cast real magic.

When eleven-year-olds Min, Soo and Ivy are among the few students invited to join an elite K-pop academy on Ganghwa Island, South Korea, they think they're chasing stardom. What they don't know is that this school doesn't just make idols. It makes witches.

At this secret academy, trainees learn how the perfect blend of vocals, dance and rap can cast spells powerful enough to change the world. But magic demands harmony – and for these trainees, every rehearsal is a musical and magical disaster. But if the girls can find their harmony, they could become a global sensation!

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Why recommend it?

- K-pop meets magic: an immediately accessible high-concept premise
- Three different heroines: give readers different personalities and strengths to identify with
- Highly illustrated with more than 50 pages of full-colour, manga-inspired artwork
- Fast, fun and accessible: combining friendship, humour, magical mishaps and performance
- The beginning of a series: readers can return to the Academy, with Book 2 - Under the Spotlight, following in 2027

Author/illustrator info:

Fiona Scoble (Author)
Fiona is an editor of award-winning and internationally bestselling children's books. She lives in Kent with her husband and daughter, where she can often be found instigating a kitchen disco.

Jenn Aguilera
Jenn is an illustrator and digital artist based in Honduras. Her dreamy, pastel chibi artwork has built an anime-loving community on Instagram, where she has more than 150,000 followers.

Seong-Jae
Seong-Jae Kong (@koreanbilly) is a journalist, interpreter, Korean teacher and cultural advisor from Busan, South Korea. His language- and dialect-based content has garnered a total following of over 600k on his YouTube and social media channels. He is currently based in London. Cultural consultation from Seong-Jae has helped ensure authenticity across the text and artwork.

- **Perfect for**
  Middle grade readers 7+, especially those who love: K-pop, manga and anime, magic and witchcraft, friendship stories, music and dance
- **Key themes**
  Friendship, teamwork, confidence, individual strengths, music, dance, performance, ambition, K-pop and Korean culture, magic
- **Comps**
  K-Pop Demon Hunters, Unicorn Academy, The Diary of Wiska Wildflower





Meet the trainees:

Min - the dancer
A brilliant dancer and K-pop superfan who's so good at organising everyone else that she risks never claiming the spotlight for herself

Soo - the singer
A talented vocalist who needs to overcome her shyness and find the confidence to let her voice be heard

Ivy - the rapper
Full of confidence and main-character energy, although her enthusiasm has the potential to create magical chaos

Start the conversation

Do you know any K-pop songs?

Do you like any K-pop groups?

Have you ever performed on stage? How did it feel?

From their descriptions, which trainee sounds most like you? Min, Soo or Ivy?

You've been invited to train at K-pop Witch Academy!

Now it's time to create your K-pop witch identity.

My stage name is: _____

My strongest spell is: _____

My signature colour is: _____

My role in the group is:

- [ ] Singer
- [ ] Dancer
- [ ] Rapper
- [ ] Leader
- [ ] All-rounder

Something else _____

My autograph is:

Yeon

L. Klaemy

Draw yourself here as a K-pop Witch Academy performer with a costume and hairstyle that make you feel fabulous!

K-POP Witch Academy

This is me!

Challenge 1:

Magical Knowledge

At K-pop Witch Academy, music and magic go hand in hand. Complete your trainee notes.

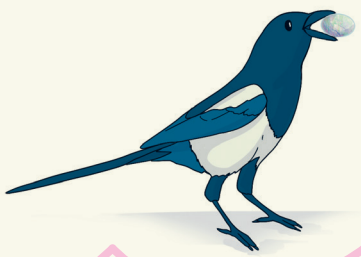
1.What three performance skills combine to cast a spell at the academy?

_____ + _____ + _____

2.Magic works best when the group performs in...

- **Harmony**
- **Silence**
- **Disguise**

3. Invent your own K-pop spell. What will happen when your group performs it perfectly?



Challenge 2:

Who's who?

Can you match each trainee to her special talent?



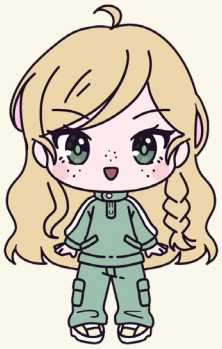
Min

singing
dancing
rapping



Soo

singing
dancing
rapping



Ivy

singing
dancing
rapping

Bonus question: one trainee is shy and needs to find her voice. Who is she?

Challenge 3:

Word Search

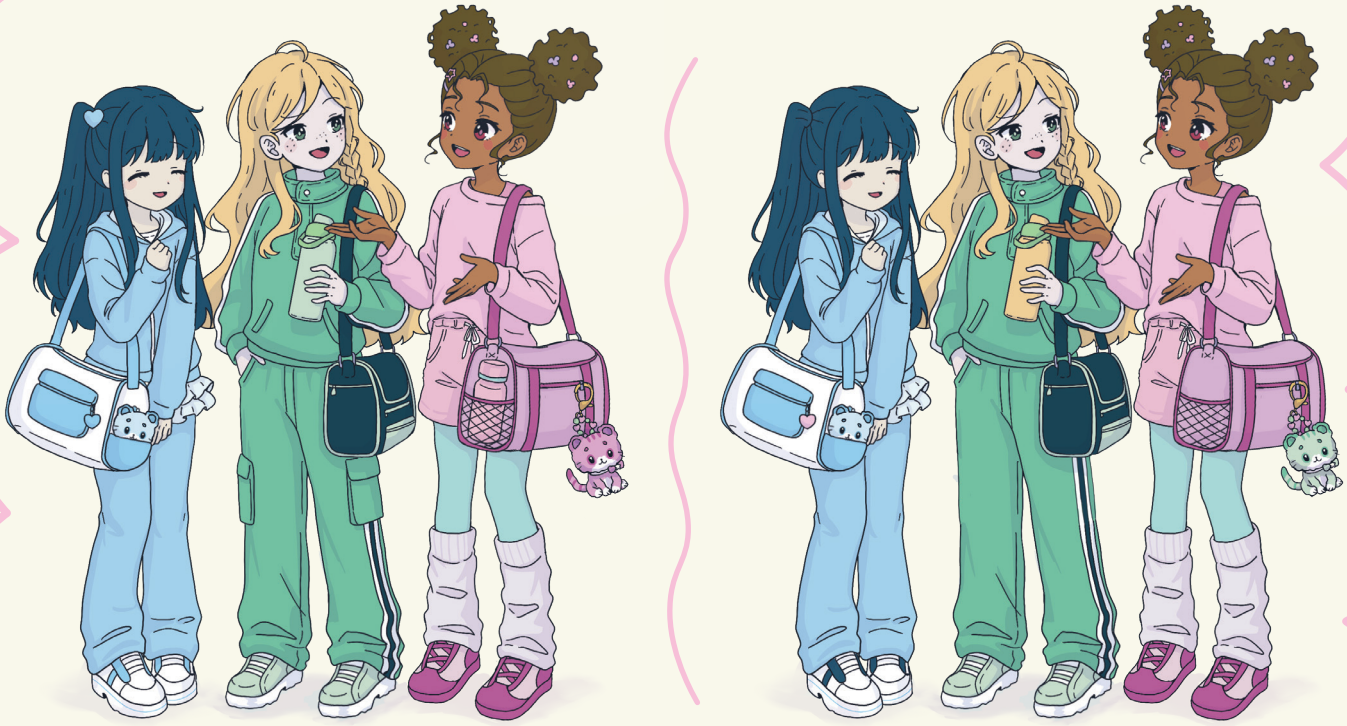
There are 10 words from the world of K-Pop Witch Academy hiding below. Can you find them all?

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S	B	Y	L	A	C	O	S	P	E	L	L	A	H

Challenge 4:

Spot the Difference

Something has gone wrong during training!
Can you find 7 differences between the two pictures?



Challenge 5:

Magical Message

Can you crack the code to reveal the secret message below?

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Challenge 6:
Academy Quiz

Final challenge! Circle the correct answer.

1.Where is the K-pop Witch Academy?
(a) Ganghwa Island
(b) London
(c) New York

2. How old are Min, Soo and Ivy when they're invited to the academy?
(a) 7
(b) 11
(c) 14

3. What does Soo love to do?
(a) Sing
(b) Dance
(c) Rap

4. Who is a born dancer?
(a) Ivy
(b) Soo
(c) Min

5. What do the trainees initially think they're going to the academy to become?
(a) Actors
(b) K-pop stars
(c) Magicians

6. What do they discover the academy really makes as well as idols?
(a) Witches
(b) Detectives
(c) Superheroes

Challenges Answer Sheet

Challenge 1:

Answers: 1. Vocals/singing, dance and rap. 2. Harmony

Challenge 2:

Answers: Soo - singing, Ivy - confident performer, Min - dancing. Bonus - Soo.

Challenge 3:

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Words to find:

POP
MAGIC
WITCH
ACADEMY
SING
DANCE
RAP
SPELL
STAR
HARMONY

Challenge 4:



Challenge 5:

FIND YOUR HARMONY

Challenge 6:

Answers: 1a, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6a

Which K-pop trainee would you be?

1. You walk into an empty theatre and see the stage is set with a microphone and a spotlight. Do you:

(a) Move the mic aside – you need maximum space for your dance moves!

(b) Check to make sure there's no-one watching, then sing your heart out.

(c) Rap first and ask questions later. That stage needs a star!

2. After a long day spent in training, what's your ideal way to relax?

(a) I'd curl up with a manga comic and a strawberry milkshake while listening to Splended.

(b) I'd head to the beach to play with my nyangi by the sea.

(c) I'd find the nearest party and dance till I drop.

3. You're going out to celebrate your number one hit! Which outfit would you pick?

(a) A blush-pink ballet-inspired dress that makes me feel like a queen!

(b) A swirling deep-blue skirt, silver top and pearly jewellery. I'll twirl the night away!

(c) Awesome trainers, mint-green trousers and a sequin top. I'll slay!

4. Which of these qualities that are valued in K-pop idols describe you best?

(a) Talent and perseverance

(b) Creativity and respect

(c) Charisma and loyalty

5. What's your favourite sport?

(a) Dance, of course!

(b) Whatever the other person is playing while I can sit down and watch.

(c) Athletics – or anything I can win!

Which K-pop idol would you be?

6. You're at a friend's birthday party. Where are we most likely to find you?

(a) On the dance floor.

(b) Outside the party room, ideally stroking a cat.

(c) Wherever the centre of the action is.

7. Which of these lyrics sound most like you?

(a) *"I'm a phoenix! Think that I'm ashes? Watch me sashay"*

(b) *"I listen to the breeze... She tells me, Throw my caution to the wind!"*

(c) *"Watch out, you're gonna be – Daaaaazed!"*

Answers

Answers mostly A: You're Min!

You were born to dance, darling! Bold, brave and soon to be a star of the stage, you work hard, you're great at planning and organising your friends, but step into the limelight and everyone is dazed by your talent! Sometimes you need to learn that you don't need to go it alone and you can rely on others too!

Answers mostly B: You're Soo!

Creative, dreamy, and filled with imagination, like Soo you aren't just a performer, you're an artist! You love nature and can find inspiration at any moment. You might be more of an introvert, but when you perform, your voice sweeps your audience up with you and you take them on a journey they'll never forget.

Answers mostly C: You're Ivy!

Fierce on stage and ferocious off it, you're a force of nature! Though you've got more swagger than anyone can handle, you're a loyal friend and will stop at nothing to look after the people you love. Sometimes you act before thinking things through, but give you a mic and a spotlight and you'll own any room!

Create your K-pop group

It's time to form your own magical K-pop group!

Work together to create your group's name, style and magical concept.
Then get ready for your big debut by creating your very first song.
Remember: the best K-pop magic happens when you work in harmony!



✦ Meet the group

Every great group needs a name. What will yours be?

Our group is called: _____

✦ Meet the members

Every member brings something special to the group.
Draw your portraits and add your names, K-pop nicknames and roles.

Name: _____

K-pop nickname: _____

Role: _____

Name: _____

K-pop nickname: _____

Role: _____

Create your K-pop group



Name: _____

K-pop nickname: _____

Role: _____



Name: _____

K-pop nickname: _____

Role: _____



Name: _____

K-pop nickname: _____

Role: _____

Create your K-pop group







✦ Our magical concept

What makes your group magical? Perhaps your performances control the weather, create illusions, make plants grow, or transport your audience to another world... Be as imaginative as you like!

When we perform, our magic: _____

_____

_____

_____

✦ Our fandom

Your fans need a name too!

Our fans are called: _____

_____

Why did you choose it? _____

_____

When your fans come to your concerts, what lightstick will they bring? Draw a design here



Create your K-pop group







✦ Make your debut

You've formed your group - now you need a song for your first big performance!

Our debut song is called: _____

✦ What's it about?

Is your song about friendship? Magic? Being brave? Following your dreams? Or something completely different?

Our song is about: _____

✦ Write your chorus

Create the catchiest part of your debut song. Try creating 2-4 lines that your fans will want to sing along with.

Create your K-pop group







✦ Create your signature move

Every great performance needs a move the audience will remember. Invent one for your chorus!

Our signature move is called: _____

_____

Draw it or describe how to do it: _____

_____

_____

Your group is ready!

Group name: _____

Debut song: _____

Fandom: _____

K-pop Dance Challenge
It's time to take to the stage!



Choose a K-pop song you love and create your own dance routine to the chorus or a 30-60 second section of the song.

You can perform solo as a group - just make sure you work together, have fun and add plenty of K-pop energy!



✦Step 1: Choose your track

Our song: _____

Artist: _____

The part we're dancing to: _____

✦Step 2: Create your moves

Listen to your chosen section a few times. Can you hear any beats, words or changes in the music that could inspire your moves?

Plan your routine:

Move 1 _____

Move 2 _____

Move 3 _____

Move 4 _____

Finishing pose _____

✦Step 3: Create your moves

Practise your routine a few times until everyone feels ready. Don't worry about getting every move perfect – the most important thing is to perform together and have fun.



Ready? It's time to make your K-pop Witch Academy debut!



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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This is to certify that

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has successfully completed their training
at K-POP WITCH ACADEMY

Showing creativity, imagination,
teamwork and plenty of
K-pop magic along the way.

Congratulations!
You've got Star Power!



Date: _____

Academy Host: _____

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