

## **Idols**

Do you have an idol?

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Singers, artists, and actors can become famous because of their charisma and unique performances, becoming admired idols in the eyes of young people. Many of the most famous idols are international, including K-pop singers and Hollywood actors. They can become role models to many young people, who try to be like them, yet they do not know whether what they see on TV is real, or whether the idol's real life is miserable and destructive.

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Idols appear and then fade. They rise with the excitement and obsession of fans, who spend a lot of time learning about their idols, sometimes leaving no time for other things. Some young people consider their idols more important than sleeping, studying, or even their families. They chase after an idol's public persona and become infatuated with a person who is just as flawed as they are. But this cannot last. Eventually, young fans must turn to their real lives – to study, work, and adult responsibilities. Eventually, the obsession dies and the idol fades.

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How does someone become an idol?

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Why can it be bad to try to be like your idol?

Do you know of any idols who are not actors, artists, or singers?