



The Definition...

*Much of the music in the charts is seen as 'pop' music. Pop music means music that is 'popular!' - people are buying it and it has popular appeal and a general audience

*Much pop music has been professionally produced, marketed well, promoted by concert and radio programmes such as *Radio 1* and provided by record companies to make money

*A 'hit' is a song that sells many copies and latest hits are listed in the *charts*. To get in the charts, a song must be released as a *single*

*Pop music changes over time.

*Pop music incorporates many styles such as R and B, rap, funk, soul, dance, rock and country

***Michael Jackson** is often referred to as the King of Pop and **Madonna** as the Queen of Pop



Brit Awards...

There are many music awards that celebrate musical achievement. The BRIT Awards celebrate British popular music. In 2020, **Stormzy** won the award for Best Male Solo artist and **Mabel** for Best Female Solo artist. **Lewis Capaldi** won awards for Best Song of the Year with *Someone You Loved* and also Best New Artist. Ten years ago, **Dizzee Rascal** and **Lily Allen** won the award for Best Male and Female Solo artists. The BRIT Awards have been going since the 70s. **Robbie Williams** holds the record for the most BRIT Awards.



The Pop Music Formula...

Songs have a good rhythm, a catchy melody, are easy to remember and sing along to

Songs usually have a chorus that repeats several times and two or more verses

Songs are between 2 and 5 minutes long

The lyrics are usually about love and relationships

Pop stars have a style that teenagers associate with

Brit Pop...

Britpop is a type of rock music that came out of the British Indie music scene of the 1990s. Indie is a word that is short for independent. When people talk about indie music, they mean music that is created independently from major record labels. In the 90s, there was a huge chart battle between two bands called **Blur** and **Oasis**. It was nicknamed 'The Battle of Britpop.'

Best selling hits—you decide. Listen to:

Oasis—*Wonderwall, Don't Look Back in Anger, Half the World Away*

Blur—*Coffee and TV, Girls and Boys, Song 2*



Key music and artists to listen to...

1980s

Whitney Houston—I Wanna Dance with Someone

Madonna—Crazy For You

Michael Jackson—Billie Jean

1990s

Spice Girls—Wannabe

Britney Spears—Hit Me Baby One More Time

Backstreet Boys—Everybody

2000s

Beyonce—Single Ladies

Black Eyed Peas—I Gotta Feeling

2010s

Daft Punk—Get Lucky

Ed Sheeran—Shape of You