



### 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