

British popular music

The Arctic Monkeys are from Sheffield, a city in the north of England. They are Alex Turner (vocals), Jamie Cook (guitar), Nick O'Malley (bass) and Matt Helders (drums). The band was formed in 2002 when they were at school. One of the reasons the Arctic Monkeys became successful is that fans of the band used the internet to share music and information. The fans filmed the band and put the videos on a website. Their first single, *I bet you look good on the dance floor*, was released in October 2005. It went straight to number one and became an instant hit. Since those early days, the Arctic Monkeys have released five studio albums and one live album and are famous all over the world. If you want to see them in concert, you should get tickets as soon as possible because they sell out fast!



Jessica Cornish was born in London in 1988. She is usually known by her artistic name, **Jessie J**. She is an English singer-songwriter. She became famous at the age of 23 when her first album, *Who You Are*, was released in 2011.



It went to number one in the UK Charts and millions of copies were sold around the world. Since then, she has performed live at concerts and festivals all over the world. In 2012, she gave a spectacular performance at the London Olympics. Recently, she has released her second album, *Alive*, and is planning a tour now. Incredibly, she has also found time to do lots of amazing charity work. In 2013, she shaved off all her hair on live TV to raise money for different charities.

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Read and listen. Write the correct answer in your notebook.

The texts probably are ...

- a) fragments of a story.
- b) news reports.
- c) website articles.

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Read the sentences. Write *Jessie J* or *The Arctic Monkeys* in your notebook.

- 1 This artist comes from the capital of England.
- 2 The Internet helped this artist become famous.
- 3 This artist is known for her/their performance during a major sports event.
- 4 This artist did some work to help other people.
- 5 This artist released an album recorded during a show.
- 6 The first collection of songs released by this artist was the most popular album in the UK.