I can **talk about music**

A Pop and rock

Arctic Monkeys are a four-piece **band** from Sheffield, England. They first became **well known** in 2004 when people **were able** to **download** their music from the internet. Their first two **singles** went to **number 1** in **the UK singles chart** in 2005, and their first **album**, 'Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not', sold over 350,000 copies in its first week.

The group are: Alex Turner, who is the **lead singer** and plays the **guitar**, Jamie Cook and Nick O'Malley, who both play the guitar, and Matthew Helder, who is the **drummer** and also sings.

guitar

drums

1 What can you remember? Circle the correct answer.

► There are four/five people in the band.

1 They first became well known in 2004/2005.

2 People were able/unable to download music in 2004.

3 Their first two/three singles went to number 1.

4 Their first single/album sold over 350,000 copies in the first week.

5 Alex Turner/Jamie Cook is the lead singer.

6 Matthew Helder plays the guitar/drums.

2 Complete the sentences.

► Paul McCartney plays the _guitar_ .

1 Another word for a band is a _____ .

2 The most important singer is the _____ singer.

3 Someone who plays the drums is the _____ .

4 A CD with one song on it is a _____ .

5 A CD with about ten songs on it is an _____ .

6 The _____ is the list of singles that sell most in a week.

7 The Beatles first became well _____ in the 1960s.

8 You can _____ music from the internet.

3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

1 Who's your favourite group? _____

2 Who's in the band, and what instruments do they play? _____

3 When did they first become well known? _____

4 What's the name of one of their singles? _____

5 What's the name of one of their albums? _____

6 What's your favourite song by this band? _____

Glossary

band e.g. Coldplay, Franz Ferdinand, U2 (also **group**)

well known SYN **famous**

be able to If you are able to do something, you can do it. OPP **unable**

download music copy music from the internet onto a computer, MP3 player, etc.

single one song on a CD

number 1 the single that sells the most in one week

the singles chart the list of pop music singles that sell the most in one week

album a number of songs, usually about 10, on a CD

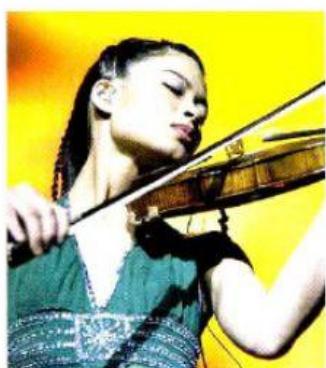**lead singer** the most important singer

B Classical music

A **concert** of classical music.

Sir Simon Rattle, **conductor** of the Berlin Philharmonic **Orchestra**.

Vanessa Mae, **violinist**, playing a **violin** concerto **by** Mozart.

Pianist Sviatoslav Richter, playing one of Beethoven's **piano** sonatas.

Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli, **performing** in Cosi Fan Tutte.

Cellist Yo Yo Ma, playing the **cello** concerto by the English **composer**, Edward Elgar.

spotlight	by

We say *a book by* (Tolstoy), *a song by* (Robbie Williams), *a symphony by* (Mozart), *a painting by* (Picasso), *a film by* (Martin Scorsese), etc.

4 Correct the spelling mistakes.

▶ violinista _violinist_

1 conducter _____

2 orchestre _____

3 clasical _____

4 conciert _____

5 celo _____

6 composor _____

7 performe _____

8 pianiste _____

5 Complete the sentences.

▶ Music by Bach, Brahms or Mozart is _classical_ music.

1 A large group of people who play classical music together is called an _____ .

2 The person who stands in front of them is the _____ .

3 A person who plays the piano is a _____ .

4 A person who plays the violin is a _____ .

5 A person who plays the cello is a _____ .

6 A person who sings opera is an _____ _____ .

7 A person who writes music is a _____ .

8 'Carmen' is an opera _____ Bizet.

9 Last night we went to a classical music _____ . Placido Domingo was _____ with the London Symphony Orchestra. It was fantastic.