

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.



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 *Così fan tutte*.



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

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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.

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| ▶ violinista <u>violinist</u> | 3 clasiical _____ | 6 composor _____ |
| 1 conductor _____ | 4 concert _____ | 7 performe _____ |
| 2 orchestre _____ | 5 celo _____ | 8 pianiste _____ |

5 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ Music by Bach, Brahms or Mozart is classical music.
- A large group of people who play classical music together is called an _____.
 - The person who stands in front of them is the _____.
 - A person who plays the piano is a _____.
 - A person who plays the violin is a _____.
 - A person who plays the cello is a _____.
 - A person who sings opera is an _____.
 - A person who writes music is a _____.
 - 'Carmen' is an opera _____ Bizet.
 - Last night we went to a classical music _____. Placido Domingo was _____ with the London Symphony Orchestra. It was fantastic.