

## The music scene

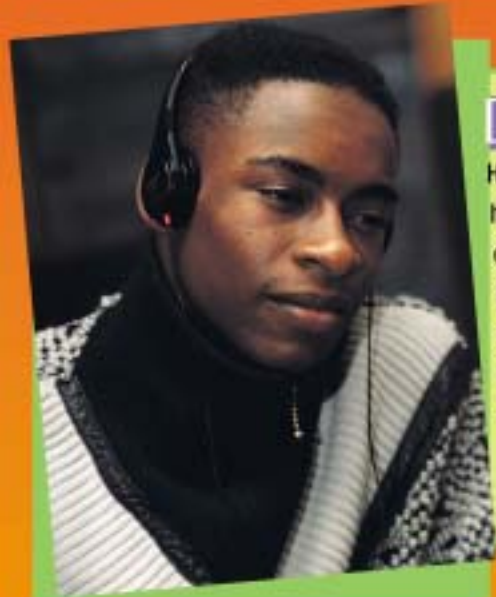
# Mad about music



**Josie** comes from London.

She is mad about pop music. When she wakes up in the morning she turns on Capital Radio and listens while she gets dressed. After school she listens to CDs in her bedroom. Her favourite band is S Club.

Two of her favourite TV programmes are *Top of the Pops* and *Pop Idol*. She also likes pop videos on MTV. On Saturday she likes to look around music stores with a friend.



**Dan** comes from Boston in the USA.

He likes heavy metal, punk rock and hip-hop. On Friday and Saturday he goes clubbing, not to dance but to hear the latest sounds. On Sunday he goes online and downloads music from the internet onto his MP3 player. He goes everywhere with his MP3 player and headphones. He sometimes goes to sleep with his headphones on.

### FACTFILE

**Capital Radio** a popular London radio station

**MTV** a satellite TV music channel

**Top of the Pops** a weekly TV programme featuring the latest singers and bands

**Pop Idol** a TV talent competition for new singers

**MP3** a personal digital audio player which stores and plays music

### 1 Talk about it.

What sort of music do you like?  
What are your music habits? Do you:

- listen to CDs?
- listen to the radio?
- watch MTV?
- watch music programmes on TV like *Top of the Pops*?
- go clubbing?
- download music from the Internet?
- look round music stores?
- buy CDs?
- go to concerts or music festivals?

### Music in the UK

The UK music scene is very varied. Radio stations like BBC Radio One, Capital Radio, Virgin and Kiss FM play music for different ages and tastes. Many internationally famous singers and bands like Robbie Williams, U2, The Corrs, Samantha Mumba, S Club and Oasis come from Britain or Ireland.

### Music in the USA

The USA is the home of popular music and many of the current musical styles like rap and reggae come from black American musical traditions. Americans spend four billion dollars on CDs every year. Many different types of music like country and western, soul, rock and jazz have radio stations which only play that type of music.

### 2 Talk about it.

Who are currently the most popular singers and bands in your country?

## Project 3

## My favourite music

### Project A My favourite band

Write about your favourite band. Include a photo of them.

Say what their name is

*My favourite band at the moment is the American boy band, NSYNC.*

Say who's in the band and what sort of music they play

*There are five in the band: Justin, Chris, Joey, Lance and JC. They all sing but Justin Timberlake is the lead singer. He also writes the songs with JC.*

Say what their first hit album was

*Their first hit album in 1988 was called NSYNC. It was a big success and four number one hit singles came from it, including 'I Want You Back'.*

Say what their latest album is and your favourite track on it

*Their latest album, ... , has some really good tracks on it. My favourite is ...*

Say what their future plans are

*The boys are working on new songs for their world tour next year.*



### Project B A pop concert

Plan a pop concert.

Decide:

- The name of the concert
- The place, date and time
- The cost of the tickets
- The programme (at least five bands or singers and song titles)
- The presenters

