

Web Unit

The UK music charts

Green Line 3, after Unit 5

BBC Radio 1 is an international radio station for young people. You can hear many different kinds of music, and once a week the 'Chart Show' counts down the 40 best-selling singles of the week. In this Web Unit you will discover the most popular music in the UK!



On air

Pre-net activity

Underline the correct word or words.

The Beatles were a *rock and pop / reggae / jazz* band that came from Liverpool, England. They have sold more *solos / albums* in the US than any other band. Both Paul McCartney and John Lennon were *singlewriters / songwriters* who wrote *best-seller / best-selling / best-sold* hits. They were also *guitarists / guitars* and performed *voices / vocals*. But don't forget about George Harrison and Ringo Starr – they were important, too!

Net-use activities

1  <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/>

1. What kind of music can you hear on BBC Radio 1?

- a) Rock/Indie b) RnB/Hip Hop c) Heavy Metal d) Dance e) Classical music

2. What are the top five songs on the radio? Have you heard them before?

2 🖱️ 'Chart'

1. When can you hear the Chart Show? _____
2. Who is the DJ? _____
3. Who has the number 1 album this week? _____

3 Go Back one page. 🖱️ 'Mobile' and 'Podcasts' (scroll down to the end of the page)

Read the information. Then match the two halves of the sentence.

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| 1. On your mobile phone | a) for the BBC programmes on your mobile. |
| 2. You can listen to a podcast | b) by texting or typing an address into your mobile browser. |
| 3. Before you can listen to a podcast, | c) on your MP3 player. |
| 4. You can access the mobile site | d) you must download it. |
| 5. You don't have to pay | e) you can get the mobile edition of Radio 1. |

4 Go back to the Chart Show page. 🖱️ 'Home' → 🖱️ 'Chart'

Under 'Most recent shows' 🖱️ 'Listen now'.

Listen to the beginning of the last Chart Show. The number 1 song will be the first song they play.

1. Do you like the song? Why / why not.

2. What kind of music do you think it is?

3. What kind of music do you hear on the radio in Germany?

5 🖱️ www.theofficialcharts.com → 🖱️ 'Music charts' → 🖱️ 'Singles chart' → 🖱️ 'All the No. 1 Singles'

What song was the number 1 single on the day you were born?

Click on the correct decade (*Jahrzehnt*) and find the year. The date tells you when the song became number 1. The number on the right tells you how many weeks it was number 1.

Post-net activities

You and your partner are DJs for an English-speaking radio station and you must plan your show. Take notes about:

- time and name of show
- kind of music
- choose one special song
- introduce (*vorstellen*) song: title and information about song / singer / band

Now give a mini-presentation of about 7 minutes and play your special song!

Now you can ...

- ✓ ... talk about popular music in Britain.
- ✓ ... find information about radio shows in Britain.
- ✓ ... listen to British radio.

I want to know more about:
