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Pop!

Pop up. Popcorn. Pop fly. Pop music?

To pop is to make a little explosion. POP! And maybe pop music does explode a bit. It explodes in people's minds and makes them want to sing. It explodes in people's feet and makes them want to dance. It explodes through communities and becomes something everyone talks about and enjoys.

The “pop” in pop music is short for “popular.” Pop is popular music. Every year there are new pop hits. Back in 1922, “Yes! We Have No Bananas” thrilled listeners. “Chattanooga Choo Choo” stirred them up in 1941. “Kung Fu Fighting” was a 1974 sensation. A more recent pop hit is “Uptown Funk.”

Number One

The Beatles were a popular band with many number-one songs. John Lennon and Paul McCartney were two members of the band. Lennon wrote 22 number one songs. McCartney wrote 36.



First Pop Song

No one knows for sure what the first pop song was. Some think it was “Sumer Is Icumen In” from around AD 1239. The title means “Summer Has Come In” in Middle English, and it was sung by **minstrels**. Before that, most songs were church hymns. “Sumer” was just a light **number** about summer. But it was a big hit with the **medieval** crowd.

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