

The Brit Awards 2009

Task 1 Music clips

	Type of music	What do you know about the group / singer / type of music?	Do you like it? Why / why not?
Clip 1			
Clip 2			
Clip 3			
Clip 4			
Clip 5			

Compare your table with your classmates.

Task 2 Who's a music fan?

Talk to your classmates to find out who are biggest music fans in your group. Don't forget to ask for some extra information when you get a positive response.

Find somebody who...Name		Extra information
has been to a concert Recently		
has an mp3 player		
has a big music collection		
has met a pop star / famous musician		
would like to be a pop star		
has downloaded music recently		

Who are the biggest music fans in your class?

Task 3 Introduction to the Brit Awards

Before you read the text then discuss the questions with your group.

The Brit Awards are held every year in the UK. 'Brit' is short for Britannia and it is also an acronym for **British Record Industry Trust** which is an organisation that supports young people who want to work in the performing arts. The Brit Awards were created in 1977 to give credit to people who work in the music industry; in a similar way to the Oscar awards in the film industry.

Every year a Brit Award ceremony is held and it is shown on national television. In the past it was shown on live TV but now they record it and show it on the television the following day.

The money that is made from the Brit Awards ceremony goes to a charity, The Brit Trust, which was founded in 1989 to support young people who want to develop their musical talents. The Brit Trust has opened its own school called The Brit School for Performing Arts and Technology. It is in a town called Croydon, near London. It's the only school in the UK which is specialised in the performing arts that is totally free of charge. The school has 750 students aged between 14 and 19 and they can learn music, dance, drama, musical theatre, production, media, art and design.

Are there any similar music awards in your country?
Why do you think they don't show the ceremony live on TV?
Would you like to go to a school like the The Brit School?
Would you like to go and watch The Brit Awards ceremony in London?

Task 4 The Brit Awards 2009

Before you look at the lists of nominees write one example of the following:

A breakthrough act:

A male solo artist:

A female solo artist:

An album:

A single:

Group A

The Nominees for Best British Group: Coldplay Elbow Girls Aloud Radiohead Take That	The Nominees for Best Breakthrough Act: Adele Duffy Last Shodow Puppets Scouting for Girls The Ting Tings
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How many of the nominees do you know?

Do you like any of them?

Who do you think should win?

Group B

The Nominees for Best British Male Solo Artist: Ian Brown James Morrison Paul Weller Streets Will Young	The Nominees for Best British Female Solo Artist: Adele Beth Rowley Duffy Estelle MIA
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How many of the nominees do you know?

Do you like any of them?

Who do you think should win?

Group C

<p>The Nominees for Best British Album:</p> <p>Coldplay – <i>Viva la Vida</i> Duffy – <i>Rockferry</i> Elbow – <i>The Seldom Seen Kid</i> Radiohead – <i>In Rainbows</i> The Ting Tings – <i>We started Nothing</i></p>	<p>The Nominees for Best International Group:</p> <p>AC/DC Fleet Foxes The Killers Kings of Leon MGMT</p>
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How many of the nominees do you know?
 Do you like any of them?
 Who do you think should win?

Task 5 Your Music Awards

You are responsible for deciding who is nominated for the music awards in your country. Work in groups and decide which 5 groups or singers you want to nominate for the awards. Complete the gaps with your nationality.

<p>The Nominees for Best _____ Group:</p> <p>1) 2) 3) 4) 5)</p>	<p>The Nominees for Best Breakthrough Act:</p> <p>1) 2) 3) 4) 5)</p>
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<p>The Nominees for Best _____ Male Solo Artist:</p> <p>1) 2) 3) 4) 5)</p>	<p>The Nominees for Best _____ Female Solo Artist:</p> <p>1) 2) 3) 4) 5)</p>
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Nominees for the Best International Group:	Nominees for the Best International Solo Artist:
1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)

Compare the answers with your classmates and vote on who you think should win the award in each category.

Task 6 And the winner is...

When winners are announced in award ceremonies they have to give a short speech to accept the prize.

Imagine you have won a Brit Award, an Oscar or a similar award.

What award would you like to win? Write the award at the top.

What would you say when you accept the prize? Work in pairs and write your speech here.

Award you have won: