



Rock and Pop – Information Sheet



Rock band

Instruments used in a rock band are – lead guitar, rhythm guitar, drums, bass guitar, synthesizer.

Lead Guitar

plays melody – 6 strings – requires an amplifier to sound

Rhythm Guitar

plays chords – 6 strings – requires an amplifier to sound

Bass Guitar

4 strings – requires an amplifier to sound

Acoustic Guitar

6 strings – no amplifier required to sound

Synthesizer

a keyboard instrument which can create new and unusual electronic sounds.

Strumming

fingers or a plectrum are drawn across the strings of a guitar

Distortion

an electronic effect used in rock music to colour the sound of an electric guitar

Riff

a repeated phrase usually found in popular music.

Drum Fill

a rhythmic decoration played on a drumkit

Verse

tells the story



Chorus	<i>has the same words each time</i>
Lead in	<i>Introduction</i>
Bridge Passage	<i>links sections of a song together</i>
Pop Group	<i>a group of musicians who play or sing in the popular style of the day</i>
Rock Band	<i>a group playing a type of pop music with a heavy, driving beat</i>
Lead Vocals	<i>the main singer(s) in a group</i>
Backing Vocals	<i>singers who support the lead singer usually by singing in harmony in the background.</i>

