



Year 8

What will I learn?

1. The features and conventions of pop music
2. How to write a pop song

How will I be assessed?

1. Performing pop songs
2. Writing a pop song
3. Listening skills

Want a challenge?

Download GarageBand and create your own pop song using a mixture of loops and instruments

### Keywords

**Hook** – a catchy tune used to grab the listener's attention

**Four chord sequence** – a highly common chord structure used in pop music

**Verse chorus form** – the most common structure of pop songs

**Falsetto** – a vocal technique used by men that is commonly used in pop

**Chords I V VI IV** – an extremely common chord sequence used in pop music

**Popular music** – a general term used to describe music that reaches the masses and can be made by anyone without formal musical training

**Modulation** – when a song moves into a newer key (often a higher one) to increase excitement