

A-Z OF POP

As a special Music Star feature, we've compiled this amazing good-fun guide to pop for you. It's got everything you ever wanted to know, we hope! We'll be doing it in stages. This week it's A to C!

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ALICE COOPER The guy with the weird eye make-up and the silver clothes. Guaranteed to scare your granny!

APPLAUSE AN' APPRECIATION

What every star needs more than everything else—the love of his fans.

APPEARANCES There are two sides to an artist's career—recording and live appearances. Both are very important, but some groups are reckoned to be even better live than they are on record. Slade for instance—and their records are fantastic!

ATMOSPHERE What you get when you go to a live concert—*incredible!*

AMPLIFIERS What yer Dad complains about! They're the electronic boxes that musicians plug their instruments into. By turning 'em up or down, you alter the amount of sound the group makes. Good ones are very expensive—often about £250!

ANDY WILLIAMS One of the incredible Williams twins—this one plays the guitar and sings harmonies on their records.

AURAL Stupid! It's to do wiv yer ears!

AXTON, HOYT Great new singer. Keep your aurals open for him!

ACROBATIC What Elton John is on stage.

ABERDEEN That's life on the road—one night you're playing in Aberdeen, the next—you're in Portsmouth. It gets very tiring!

ALAN OSMOND No prizes for knowing about him—see under 'O' coming up in a few weeks!

ARRANGEMENT The way a song's put together. It's the arranger who adds the finishing touches—like the icing on a cake.

ARGENT Knock-out group. Their names are Jim Rodford, Bob Henrit, Rod Argent, and Russ Ballard.

AXE Musicians name for a guitar—Hey! Lay offa m'axe, man!

APPLE The company the Beatles formed to publish songs and make records.

AVERAGE WHITE BAND Nice bunch of boys from Scotland with their own boppy brand of soul music. Great if you like dancing.

ATLANTIC Record company of such stars as Led Zeppelin and Roberta Flack.

ALTAMONT Scene of a famous music festival in the States, starring the Stones. There's a film of them there on stage called 'Gimme Shelter'. It was also the first festival when things went seriously wrong, and someone was killed.

'APPY How y'feel when yer fave group brings out a new single.

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BEATLES Some guys from Liverpool or somewhere...

B-SIDE The side of a record that never gets played!

BOWIE A gentleman with bright red hair and an incredible voice. Sometimes known as Ziggy or Aladdin Sane. Age: 26; height: 5' 10½"; weight: 8st 7lbs.

BASS GUITAR The thing that makes the neighbours complain, and makes bits fall off the ceiling when you turn up the record-player. It provides that deep rhythm behind the melody.

BLUNSTONE, COLIN Started his career as the lead singer of the Zombies—a great little band from way back. (Rod from Argent was in the Zombies too!). Now a very successful solo artist.

BOTTLENECK Bit of steel used to play guitar in a special way. Makes a noise like a dive-bomber on a suicide mission... Luvly!

BELL Record company for David Cassidy and Gary Glitter.

BLACKBURN, TONY The guy who's on the radio when you get up in the morning. Just voted Top DJ for the fourth year running!

BROWN, ARTHUR ... and his group, Kingdom Come, look and sound as if they've escaped from Doctor Who. Very strange!

BEACH BOYS American group who started the craze for surf'n'. Alive an' well, and living in Holland.

BRACES Things wot 'old up yer trousers—and Noddy's!

BRADY BUNCH Barry, Maureen, Chris, Eve, Mike 'n Sue—family group from the States, soon to be on British TV. Their LP, 'Meet The Brady Kids' is out now.

BOLAN Another word for incredible! See Marc.

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CARLY SIMON Luvly—and talented—wife of James Taylor.

CALIFORNIA Home of many great stars—including Racquel Welch, the Osmonds and...

CASSIDY, DAVID Started out as an actor in a famous American TV show, The Partridge Family, and later made records with them. Since then, has been amazingly big as a solo singer. But we shouldn't have to tell you about David... where have you been for the last few years?

CHARISMA The special atmosphere that surrounds a great star. Also the name of Lindisfarne's record company!

CURVED AIR Superb British group, with a seventeen year old wizard on the violin. The singer, gorgeous Sonja Kristina, makes all his...

CLOTHES Very important for a pop star. He has to look sensational on stage. Just think about Gary Glitter, and you'll see what we mean.

CHORDS What music's made of!

CHUCK BERRY The King of Rhythm an' Blues! Just about invented the electric guitar—and the Ding-a-Ling!

CBS Giant American record company, handling Santana, The Byrds, Spirit an' lots of other big stars.

CONCERT The most exciting moment in the life of a young star is when he goes on stage for his first big concert.

CRAZEE New word invented by Slade!

CURLY LEAD The special wire which joins an artist's guitar to his amplifier.

CLIFF RICHARD His first hit record was 'Livin' Doll', and that was so long ago we can't remember when it was! But he's still goin' strong, and producing better records than ever before. By the way, he was originally backed by the Shadows—one of the biggest groups in the history of pop!

CREATIVITY The mark of a great star—he doesn't just copy others, he creates something new.

CLOCK Thing in our office that tells us to stop typing and 'ave a cuppa tea!

