



**Britpop**

**Keywords**

**Riff** - Popular music's version of the ostinato. A repeating melodic or harmonic unit. Can be a hook in itself

**Hook** - Catchy melody or rhythmic figure which 'hooks' the listener.

**Fill** - A 'musical punctuation mark' used to highlight the end of a phrase or section. Drum Fills are the most common, although bass and guitar often 'fill'.

**History/Context**

**Influences**  
R&B  
Blues.  
Rock & Roll

**Key Bands**  
The Kinks  
The Beatles  
Oasis  
Blur  
Pulp

**Instrumentation**

**Guitars** - Electric and Acoustic  
**Bass guitar**  
**Drum kit**  
**Vocals** - Lead and backing

**Structure**

**Verse Chorus Form**

Intro  
Verse 1 (Pre-chorus)  
Chorus  
Verse 2 (Pre-chorus)  
Chorus ...etc  
Bridge  
Instrumental/Solo  
Outro

**Musical Characteristics**

'Powerchords' - Root & Fifth

Simple, catchy melodies.

Driven by distorted guitars.

Lyrics about life. Use of slang.

4/4 Time

Simple chord progressions. I IV & V - influenced by blues.

'Raw' vocal technique - Accents.