

Write a text (150-200 words) about your favourite singer. Write about his/her early years, his/her music career, his/her albums and songs, and why you like the singer.

My favourite singer

My favourite band is ABBA. The name comes from the first letters of the names of its members: Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anna-Frida. The group was formed in Sweden in 1972, and became internationally famous in 1974. ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with the song "Waterloo". The song soon became number one in the UK charts.



Abba was the first band from a non-English-speaking countries, which was very successful in Europe, Canada, Australia, the United States, and South Africa. Nine of Abba's albums reached number one in the UK Album Charts. In January 1977 the group went on their first tour in Western Europe, and then, in March, they flew to Australia. Their Australian concert tour got a lot of media attention and was a great success. In the same year the film "Abba: The Movie" was released.

In 1979 ABBA gave 13 concerts in the USA and 4 in Canada. The last US concert in Washington D.C. was cancelled because of Agnetha. She suffered from a lot of stress during the flight on their private plane in awful weather conditions. The group also performed in Japan and Latin America.

Many of ABBA's songs reached number one in the UK and American charts. The most popular songs were: "SOS", "Dancing Queen", "Take a chance on me", "Fernando", "The Winner Takes it All".

ABBA received many prizes and awards for their songs worldwide. In 1982 the group even won a Golden Gramophone Award from Deutsche Grammophon, a company which gives awards only to classical musicians.

The group never broke up, but in 1982 ABBA performed in a TV British show for the last time. In 1999 a musical ABBA was shown in London, then in Canada and the USA.

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