

Ed Sheeran

Early Life

Ed Sheeran was born on 17th February 1991 in West Yorkshire. He writes songs, sings and plays the guitar. Sheeran learned to play the guitar while at primary school.

He and his family moved to Suffolk when he was young and he began writing songs at high school. Ed started recording music in 2004 and moved to London in 2008, playing in different venues around the city.

Career

In 2011, Ed was signed by Asylum Records. Not long after this, his first single, 'The A Team', was released and sold over 58 000 copies in the first week. The single was also very popular in many other countries around the world.

His first album was called '+', which featured many hits such as 'You Need Me, I Don't Need You' and 'Lego House'. After the huge success of this album, Sheeran won Brit awards in 2012. He also performed at the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

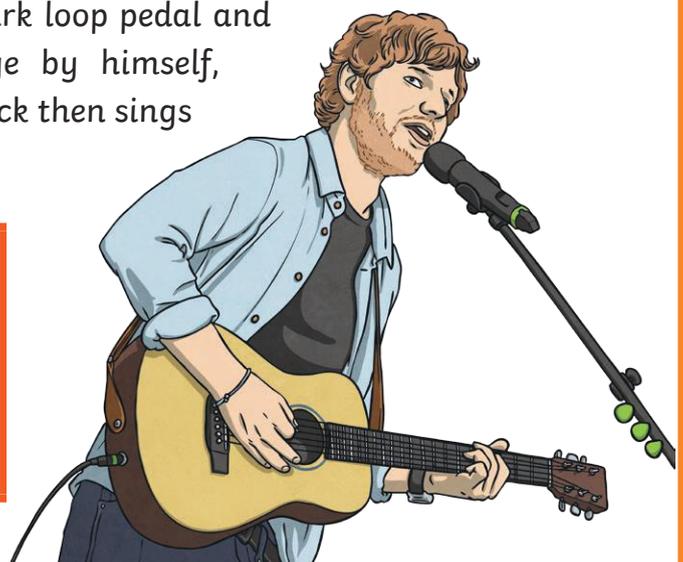
In 2013, Sheeran supported Taylor Swift on her tour which saw his popularity rise in the USA. In June 2014, Sheeran got his first number one hit in the UK with 'Sing', and then his second album, 'x', was released. This album reached number one in both the UK and the USA.

Ed took a break from music and social media, before returning with his most recent album '÷' in 2017. It went straight to number one in several countries around the world.

Sheeran was one of the main acts at Glastonbury Festival in 2017. He performed with his trademark loop pedal and guitar. Ed creates all the sounds on stage by himself, repeats them to build up the backing track then sings over the top.

Did You Know?

Ed has been awarded an MBE for his services to charity and music.



Questions

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