

## The World's Playlist

You know what you like and enjoy in music, but when it comes to the world, what is the rest of the globe listening to? Outside of the United States, it's a lot more difficult to guess what the most popular songs are. Pop culture usually keeps people in the loop with what's being played on the radio on repeat and what's being aired on television. With the rising popularity of different genres and different songs within those genres, is there any kind of correlation in the lyrics? How about in the elements of rhythm? Music acts as a universal language; you may just be surprised when the world's music reigns in similarity to yours.

Around the world, people are plugging in. Among the most popular genres are Rap, Rock, Pop, K-POP, R&B, Country, Latin, and EDM. Of these genres, the most popular songs in their realms are "Rockstar" by Post Malone featuring 21 Savage, "The Sky Is A Neighborhood" by Foo Fighters, "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran, "MIC Drop" by BTS (Steve Aoki Remix), "Young Dumb & Broke" by Khalid, "Meant to Be" by Bebe Rexha (feat. Florida Georgia Line), "Mi Gente" by J. Balvin, Willy William feat. Beyoncé, and "Silence" by Marshmello ft. Khalid. Some may disagree with this list, others possibly enjoying a select few of the songs mentioned. It's not necessarily about the songs one agrees with or not, they just so happen to be the ones the world plays the most. It's almost shocking since a majority of these songs are English. In that fact, it's surprising genres like K-POP and Latin are so popular within the United States.

What lies in these individual songs? Since they are different genres, one would think they don't speak of the same subjects. However, there seems to be a correlation between drugs and partying. "Man, I feel just like a rockstar (star)" Post Malone sings in the chorus after speaking of rebellious and raunchy behavior. The other songs speak about love, relating to intimate

connections. Perhaps, the lyrics do not mean much to those listening in. The similarity isn't as much as in the lyrics, but more so in the beat.

What is apparent in each of these songs is the way the beat goes. Oddly enough, when searching through the popular genres, some songs were categorized under *several* genres. R&B, Rap, and Pop seemed to go with one another the most. "Rockstar" and "Young Dumb & Broke" were also considered as Rap and R&B. A variable in what makes these songs so popular is more so in the dance factor. If you can feel the rhythm to it, you don't have to understand the lyrics, whether it be when raving or relaxing.

The songs you may find popular may not be the same that match another's taste. Whatever your taste may be, you may just be looking differently at what is popular in music. The World's playlist gives an interesting look on what's popular around the world and a glimpse into the topics and types of music that are most commonly favored.