

# Michael Jackson – Glossary

**album** noun [countable]

a CD, record, or cassette with several songs or pieces of music on it

**amusement park** noun [countable]

a place where people pay money to go on rides (large machines that you ride on for pleasure) and play games to win prizes

**bizarre** adjective

strange and difficult to explain

*bizarre behavior*

**boy band** noun [countable]

a pop group consisting of attractive young men who usually sing and dance instead of writing music or playing instruments

**childlike** adjective

similar to the way a child looks, behaves, or thinks, and usually pleasant for that reason

**chimpanzee** noun [countable]

an African animal with black or brown fur that lives and hunts in groups. It belongs to the ape family, which is the most similar to humans.

**compensate** verb [intransitive]

to change or remove the bad result of something

**cosmetic surgery** noun [uncountable]

medical operations that change someone's appearance

**eccentric** adjective

someone who is eccentric often behaves in slightly strange or unusual ways

**exotic** adjective

used for describing things that are interesting or exciting because they are in or from distant foreign countries

**fictional** adjective

invented for a book, play, or movie

**go downhill** phrase

to get worse

*This area's been going downhill for years.*

**heart attack** noun [countable]

an occasion when someone suddenly has a lot of pain in their chest and their heart stops working

**height** noun [singular]

the time or level of greatest activity

*At the height of the violence, neighbor was killing neighbor.*

**influential** adjective

able to influence the way other people think or behave

**label** noun [countable]

a company that produces albums

*They signed with one of the smaller independent labels.*

**memorabilia** noun [plural]

objects that you collect because they belonged to someone famous or are connected with something that interests you

**number one** noun [singular]

in popular music, the album that has sold the most copies in a particular week

**performer** noun [countable]

someone who performs in front of an audience, for example an actor or musician

**pop music** noun [uncountable]

a type of music, usually played on electronic instruments, that is popular with many people because it consists of short songs with a strong beat and simple tunes that are easy to remember. Pop music is often simply called *pop*.

**ranch** noun [countable]

a large farm that produces a particular crop or animal

**rehearse** verb [intransitive/transitive]

to practice a play, concert, opera, etc. before giving a performance

**sign** verb [transitive]

to officially employ someone to work for a particular organization

**solo** noun [countable]

a piece of music or a part of a piece of music that is performed by one person

**superstar** noun [countable]

someone such as a movie actor or pop musician who is extremely famous

**tour** verb [intransitive/transitive]

if a show, play, or concert tours, it is performed in several different places

*The show was immensely popular and toured ten Midwestern cities.*

**troubled** adjective

worried about the problems you have

**(music) video** noun [countable/uncountable]

a short movie created to go with a song, often showing dancers, the band or singer performing, or people acting out the story of the song

**zombie** noun [countable]

a dead person in some religions and stories who looks and behaves as though they are alive as a result of magic

