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I've been to Glastonbury!

The world's biggest open air music festival

Some facts

- **The festival covers 1,000 acres of farmland** in south-west England. It takes place in June and lasts four days.
- **About 700 acts play on over 80 stages.** There is continual music from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock the next morning.
- **1,500 people attended the first festival** in September 1970. They paid £1 a ticket. Last year 190,000 people attended. They paid £200 for a ticket.
- **Hundreds of famous names** have performed at Glastonbury: singers such as Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, Robbie Williams, Jay Z, and Amy Winehouse, and bands such as REM, Radiohead, Coldplay, and Arctic Monkeys.
- **In 2009**, news of Michael Jackson's death hit in the middle of the festival. Immediately T-shirts with the slogan 'I was at Glastonbury when Michael Jackson died' were on sale.
- **The festival is famous for its rain!** In 1997, 1998, and 2005 it rained every day, and the festival-goers danced in the mud.





Marina M, Scotland

‘My first Glastonbury was 2005. The year of rain and mud! We took off our shoes and danced in it up to our knees! I loved it! I’ve now been six times! It’s always great fun, even though you don’t sleep much! This year’s festival was fantastic – I didn’t want to go home. A definite highlight for me was an Icelandic band called Sigur Ros. I’ve never heard of them, but I loved their music. And well done for all the toilets this year! Much better!’



Dave Chow, London

‘Well, I don’t know what to say – my first time, and it was the most amazing experience! I’m now sitting at work thinking about the best four days of my life. We didn’t see any rubbish bands, and the DJs rocked all night. We saw the sun rise at 5.15 on Sunday morning – an amazing experience. Only one complaint – there were so many mobile phones. Why? I thought Glasto was about getting away from it all.’





Len Ferris, Gloucester

‘I’ve taken my kids to Glastonbury twice. It really is an education for kids. The atmosphere is amazing. I think this is because of the mix of people of all ages. It’s great to see them – from babies, toddlers, and teenagers, to people my parents’ age and older. Everyone gets on so well. On Saturday night we watched Radiohead with my 11-year-old son, and the crowd moved back so he could see better. We loved everything.’



Izzi, Christchurch, New Zealand

‘This was my first year at Glastonbury. I travelled 10,000 miles to be there. I’ve been to other festivals in Australia and Europe. I went to the Sonar Festival in Barcelona two years ago – it was brilliant, but I’ve always wanted to come to Glastonbury. It was amazing. Radiohead was the best thing I have ever seen at a festival ever, and I’m going to come next year if I can. Long live Glastonbury!!’