

THE BEATLES

COMPLETE THE TEXT USING THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERBS

The Beatles were an English rock band formed in Liverpool in 1960. The members of the band 1. _____ (be) John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr.

In the beginning, the band 2. _____ (play) at lots of clubs in Germany. They 3. _____ (meet) Brian Epstein who 4. _____ (become) their manager. They 5. _____ (record) some songs at the Abbey Road **studio** in London.

They 6. _____ (go) to the USA in 1964. Thousands of screaming American **fans** 7. _____ (go) to see them. The Beatles 8. _____ (make) their first live American television appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* on 9 February 1964. About 74 million people 8. _____ (watch) the group **perform** on the show.

The band 9. _____ (have) had lots of hit records. Some of their famous songs were *Hey Jude*, *Let it Be* and *Yesterday*. In 1967, the band 10. _____ (release) the **album** *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. *Rolling Stone Magazine* 11. _____ (decide) that this was the greatest album of all time.

The same magazine also 12. _____ (call) The Beatles the most **influential** artists of all time, because their music, clothing style and **attitude** were all popular among young people in the 1960s.

The Beatles 13. _____ (stop) touring and playing live music in 1966. They didn't like it when **audiences** screamed so loudly that their music could not be heard. The Beatles decided to stop being a band in 1970. After splitting up, all four members 14. _____ (have) **solo** careers.

MATCH THE WORDS IN **BOLD** WITH THE DEFINITIONS

	adjective, changing the way people think or behave
	noun, a group of people who come to watch someone perform
	noun, a room where TV programmes or music is recorded
	adjective, done by only one person
	verb, do something to entertain people, like playing music or singing
	noun, people who like a famous person or sports team
	noun, a way of behaving that shows you can do exciting things
	noun, a group of songs on a CD, record or download

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