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The Beatles release the last song they recorded

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THE ARTICLE

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The Beatles have released the last song they recorded. The song is titled "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. He sang it at the piano and recorded it in 1979 at his home. The other Beatles added to the track over the years. Recording engineers used AI technology to bring the song to life, resulting in a sound like the four Beatles recorded it together in a studio. The song has been released as a double-A side single. The flip side of the record is a new mix of the band's first single "Love Me Do". This was first released in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' legendary greatest hits "blue" album. This is a collection of their classics from 1967-1970.

Beatles member Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's quite emotional. And we all play on it. It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about his excitement at being able to release a new song, saying: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song the public haven't heard, I think it's an exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's voice. He said it was "crystal clear". Lennon was shot dead by a fan outside his New York home in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very emotional for all of us".

Sources: <https://time.com/6328838/beatles-last-song-now-and-then/>
<https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-features/beatles-now-and-then-1234862777/>
<https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/now-then-beatles-release-new-song-with-lennons-voice-2023-10-26/>

WARM-UPS

1. THE BEATLES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the Beatles. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

the Beatles / songs / piano / recording / engineers / AI / technology / studio / blue / reporters / emotional / genuine / excitement / music / fan / home / drummer / room

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. THE GREATEST: Students A **strongly** believe the Beatles are the greatest band ever; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BANDS: What do you know about these band? What do you think of them? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	What I Know	What I Think
Beatles		
Rolling Stones		
Queen		
Nirvana		
Guns and Roses		
BTS		

5. PIANO: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "piano". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MUSIC: Rank these with your partner. Put the best music genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Rock
- Electro
- Jazz
- Classical
- Rap
- Country
- Folk
- Blues

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. track | a. A version of a recording in which the main tracks are mixed in a different way from the original. |
| 2. single | b. A work of art that is thought to be great and will be great forever. |
| 3. flip | c. A recording of one song or piece of music. |
| 4. mix | d. The opposite or other. |
| 5. edition | e. A short record (usually the best from an album) with one main song or track. |
| 6. legendary | f. A particular form or version of a published text. |
| 7. classic | g. Amazing or great enough to be famous; very well known. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. emotional | h. Truly what something is said to be; authentic. |
| 9. genuine | i. Make a film, song, book, or other product available to the public. |
| 10. release | j. Very, very, very easy to understand. |
| 11. the public | k. Feelings that are easily excited and openly displayed. |
| 12. voice | l. A person who has a strong interest in or admiration for a particular person, team or thing. |
| 13. crystal clear | m. The sound produced in a person's neck that comes out through the mouth, as speech or song. |
| 14. fan | n. The people in society. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The Beatles recorded the song "Now and Then" in the 1960s. **T / F**
2. The Beatles recorded "Now and Then" together in a studio. **T / F**
3. The Beatles first single was called "Love Me Do". **T / F**
4. "Now and Then" will appear on the Beatles legendary "Red" album. **T / F**
5. Paul McCartney said "Now and Then" was a genuine Beatles song. **T / F**
6. Many members of the public heard the song before it was released. **T / F**
7. Paul McCartney said it was a little difficult to hear John Lennon's voice. **T / F**
8. The Beatles' drummer said recording the song was emotional. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. titled | a. moving |
| 2. track | b. masterpieces |
| 3. flip | c. authentic |
| 4. mix | d. nearest |
| 5. classics | e. reverse |
| 6. genuine | f. called |
| 7. release | g. thrilled |
| 8. excited | h. issue |
| 9. closest | i. song |
| 10. emotional | j. combination |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. The other Beatles added to the track | a. public haven't heard |
| 2. engineers used AI technology | b. hits "blue" album |
| 3. the record is a new mix | c. Beatles recording |
| 4. the Beatles' legendary greatest | d. ever come |
| 5. This is a collection of their | e. of the band's first single |
| 6. It's a genuine | f. clear |
| 7. his excitement at being able to | g. over the years |
| 8. release a new song the | h. release a new song |
| 9. He said it was crystal | i. classics from 1967-1970 |
| 10. the closest we'll | j. to bring the song to life |

GAP FILL

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The Beatles have released the last song they recorded. The song is (1) _____ "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. He sang it at the (2) _____ and recorded it in 1979 at his home. The other Beatles added to the (3) _____ over the years. Recording engineers used AI technology to bring the song to (4) _____, resulting in a sound like the four Beatles recorded it together in a (5) _____. The song has been released as a double-A side single. The (6) _____ side of the record is a new (7) _____ of the band's first single "Love Me Do". This was first released in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' (8) _____ greatest hits "blue" album. This is a collection of their classics from 1967-1970.

Beatles (9) _____ Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's quite (10) _____. And we all play on it. It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about his excitement at being (11) _____ to release a new song, saying: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song the (12) _____ haven't heard, I think it's an exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's (13) _____. He said it was "(14) _____ clear". Lennon was shot dead by a fan outside his New York home in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the (15) _____ we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back in the (16) _____". He said it was, "very emotional for all of us".

flip
track
titled
legendary
piano
mix
studio
life

emotional
voice
room
member
closest
public
able
crystal

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

- 1) The other Beatles added _____
 - a. to the trick
 - b. to the track
 - c. to the truck
 - d. to the trek
- 2) The song has been released as a _____
 - a. double-A side single
 - b. double-A side double
 - c. double-A side triple
 - d. double-A side treble
- 3) The flip side of the record is _____
 - a. a new nix
 - b. a new pix
 - c. a new mix
 - d. a new fix
- 4) "Now and Then" will also be the final track on _____
 - a. anew edition
 - b. a knew edition
 - c. a news edition
 - d. a new edition
- 5) This is a collection of their _____
 - a. classic from 1967-1970
 - b. classical from 1967-1970
 - c. classics from 1967-1970
 - d. classy from 1967-1970
- 6) spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "_____".
 - a. It's quilt emotional
 - b. It's quit emotional
 - c. It's quiet emotional
 - d. It's quite emotional
- 7) It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke _____
 - a. abet his excitement
 - b. abut his excitement
 - c. about his excitement
 - d. abbot his excitement
- 8) be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song the _____
 - a. publicity haven't heard
 - b. public haven't heard
 - c. publics haven't heard
 - d. publicly haven't heard
- 9) McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's voice. He said it _____
 - a. was "crystal clear"
 - b. was "kiss tall clear"
 - c. was "cries tall clear"
 - d. was "cliffs tall clear"
- 10) the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back _____"
 - a. in the broom
 - b. in the vroom
 - c. in the room
 - d. in the loom

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

The Beatles have released the last (1) _____. The song is titled "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. He sang it at the piano and recorded it in 1979 at his home. The other Beatles added to (2) _____ the years. Recording engineers used AI technology to bring the song to life, resulting in a sound like the four Beatles recorded it together (3) _____. The song has been released as a double-A side single. The (4) _____ the record is a new mix of the band's first single "Love Me Do". This was first released in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' (5) _____ "blue" album. This is a collection of (6) _____ 1967-1970.

Beatles member Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's quite emotional. And we all play on it. (7) _____ Beatles recording." He spoke about his excitement at being able to (8) _____ song, saying: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song (9) _____ heard, I think it's an exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's voice. He said it (10) _____. Lennon was shot dead by a (11) _____ New York home in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very (12) _____ of us".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

1. When did John Lennon write the song "Now and Then"?
2. Who used AI technology to bring the new song to life?
3. What has the song "Now and Then" been released as?
4. What is the name of the first Beatles single?
5. From when do the songs on the Beatles' "blue" album come?
6. Who did Paul McCartney speak to?
7. What kind of recording did Paul McCartney call "Now and Then"?
8. What was Paul McCartney excited about hearing?
9. Who is Ringo Starr?
10. Who did Ringo Starr say recording the song was emotional for?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

- 1) When did John Lennon write the song "Now and Then"?
 - a) in 1971
 - b) in 1973
 - c) in 1975
 - d) in 1977
- 2) Who used AI technology to bring the new song to life?
 - a) Beatles fans
 - b) recording engineers
 - c) the Beatles
 - d) Internet users
- 3) What has the song "Now and Then" been released as?
 - a) a cassette tape
 - b) an MP3
 - c) a free download
 - d) a double-A side
- 4) What is the name of the first Beatles single?
 - a) Yesterday
 - b) Hey Jude
 - c) Love Me Do
 - d) I Want to Hold Your Hand
- 5) From when do the songs on the Beatles' "blue" album come?
 - a) 1957-1971
 - b) 1962-1966
 - c) 1971-1977
 - d) 1967-1970
- 6) Who did Paul McCartney speak to?
 - a) his fans
 - b) his wife
 - c) reporters
 - d) Lady Gaga
- 7) What kind of recording did Paul McCartney call "Now and Then"?
 - a) a genuine Beatles recording
 - b) something different
 - c) a masterpiece
 - d) a lot of fun
- 8) What was Paul McCartney excited about hearing?
 - a) the reviews of the song
 - b) the new Rolling Stones album
 - c) John Lennon's voice
 - d) the song on the radio
- 9) Who is Ringo Starr?
 - a) the Beatles' bass guitarist
 - b) the Beatles' drummer
 - c) the Beatles' lead guitarist
 - d) the Beatles' manager
- 10) Who did Ringo Starr say recording the song was emotional for?
 - a) us
 - b) them
 - c) him
 - d) her

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Rock

You think rock is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): electro, rap or jazz.

Role B – Electro

You think electro is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock, rap or jazz.

Role C – Rap

You think rap is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): electro, rock or jazz.

Role D – Jazz

You think jazz is the best music genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): electro, rap or rock.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'song' and 'piano'.

song	piano
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• titled• piano• track• AI• flip• classics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• quite• genuine• 2023• voice• fan• room
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THE BEATLES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about The Beatles in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

THE BEATLES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'song'?
3. What do you know about the Beatles?
4. What's the best music band in history?
5. What kind of music do you like?
6. Is music of the 1960s better than today's music?
7. What do you think of using AI to make music?
8. What is your favourite album?
9. What music do you like from the 1960s?
10. What do you think of today's music?

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THE BEATLES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'piano'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the Beatles' music?
15. Are bands better than solo singers?
16. What music makes you emotional?
17. How excited do you get when an artist releases a new song?
18. Do you prefer music on vinyl, CD or MP3?
19. Why do so many people like the Beatles?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Beatles?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Beatles member Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's (7) _____ emotional. And we all play on it. It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about his excitement at being (8) _____ to release a new song, saying: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song the public haven't heard, I think it's an (9) _____ thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's voice. He said it was "crystal (10) _____". Lennon was shot dead by a fan outside his New York home in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the closest we'll ever (11) _____ to having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very (12) _____ for all of us".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) releases | (b) releasing | (c) release | (d) released |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) to | (c) of | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) trick | (b) track | (c) truck | (d) trek |
| 4. | (a) live | (b) living | (c) life | (d) lives |
| 5. | (a) flap | (b) flop | (c) flip | (d) floppy |
| 6. | (a) classics | (b) classical | (c) classic | (d) classically |
| 7. | (a) quiet | (b) quite | (c) quit | (d) quilt |
| 8. | (a) able | (b) ability | (c) abled | (d) abilities |
| 9. | (a) excite | (b) exciting | (c) excites | (d) excited |
| 10. | (a) dull | (b) opaque | (c) clear | (d) misty |
| 11. | (a) do | (b) go | (c) come | (d) be |
| 12. | (a) emotions | (b) emotion | (c) emotionally | (d) emotional |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. recording rnsgeeni
2. AI eghlocyto
3. in a soduti
4. the Beatles' aengreydl greatest hits
5. This is a oleicctonl
6. their csslaics from 1967-1970

Paragraph 2

7. It's quite laiomnteo
8. It's a nnigeue Beatles recording
9. He spoke about his cemnttieex
10. release a new song the blcuip
11. it was lctrysa clear
12. Beatles rrdmmue Ringo Starr

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () side single. The flip side of the record is a new mix of the band's first single "Love Me Do". This was first
- () haven't heard, I think it's an exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's
- () having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very emotional for all of us".
- () released in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' legendary greatest
- () track over the years. Recording engineers used AI technology to bring the song to
- () by John Lennon in 1977. He sang it at the piano and recorded it in 1979 at his home. The other Beatles added to the
- (**1**) The Beatles have released the last song they recorded. The song is titled "Now and Then". It was written
- () Beatles member Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's quite
- () emotional. And we all play on it. It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about his excitement at being able
- () hits "blue" album. This is a collection of their classics from 1967-1970.
- () life, resulting in a sound like the four Beatles recorded it together in a studio. The song has been released as a double-A
- () 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to
- () to release a new song, saying: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song the public
- () voice. He said it was "crystal clear". Lennon was shot dead by a fan outside his New York home in

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the recorded . The released song last they Beatles
2. to The added Beatles track . other the
3. it A sound Beatles like recorded the together .
4. single . first A of new the band's mix
5. collection This classics . album their of is a
6. reporters about song . spoke to new the McCartney
7. heard . new a public song Release haven't the
8. Shot fan dead home . outside by a his
9. to him . come having we'll The closest ever
10. was for It of emotional us . very all

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

The Beatles have *released / releasing* the last song they recorded. The song is *entitled / titled* "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. He sang it at the piano and recorded it in 1979 at his home. The other Beatles added *to / of* the track *over / past* the years. Recording engineers used AI technology to bring the song to *live / life*, resulting in a sound like the four Beatles recorded it together in a studio. The song has been released as a double-A side *triple / single*. The *flap / flip* side of the record is a new mix of the band's first single "Love Me Do". This was first released in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the *finally / final* track on a new edition of the Beatles' *legendary / legend* greatest hits "blue" album. This is a collection of their *classics / classical* from 1967-1970.

Beatles *member / membership* Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's quite emotional. And we all play on *them / it*. It's a genuine Beatles *recorded / recording*." He spoke about his excitement at being able to release a new song, *saying / said*: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a *new / news* song the public haven't heard, I think it's an *exciting / excited* thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's voice. He said it was "crystal *unclear / clear*". Lennon was *shot / shoot* dead by a fan outside his New York home in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the *closet / closest* we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very emotional for all of *them / us*".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ B__tl_s h_v_ r_l__s_d th_ l_st s_ng th_y r_c_rd_d.
Th_ s_ng _s t_tl_d "N_w _nd Th_n". _t w_s wr_tt_n
by J_hn L_nn_n _n 1977. H_ s_ng _t _t th_ p__n_
_nd r_c_rd_d _t _n 1979 _t h_s h_m_. Th_ _th_r
B__tl_s _dd_d t_ th_ tr_ck _v_r th_ y__rs. R_c_rd_ng
_ng_n__rs _s_d __ t_chn_l_gy t_ br_ng th_ s_ng t_
l_f_, r_s_lt_ng _n _ s__nd l_k_ th_ f__r B__tl_s
r_c_rd_d _t t_g_th_r _n _ st_d__. Th_ s_ng h_s b__n
r_l__s_d _s _ d__bl_- _s_d _sngl_. Th_ fl_p _s_d_ _f
th_ r_c_rd _s _ n_w m_x _f th_ b_nd's f_rst s_ngl_
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s__d _t w_s, "v_ry _m_t__n_l f_r _ll _f _s".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song.html>

the beatles have released the last song they recorded the song is titled now and then it was written by john lennon in 1977 he sang it at the piano and recorded it in 1979 at his home the other beatles added to the track over the years recording engineers used ai technology to bring the song to life resulting in a sound like the four beatles recorded it together in a studio the song has been released as a doublea side single the flip side of the record is a new mix of the bands first single love me do this was first released in 1962 now and then will also be the final track on a new edition of the beatles legendary greatest hits blue album this is a collection of their classics from 19671970

beatles member paul mccartney spoke to reporters about the new song he said its quite emotional and we all play on it its a genuine beatles recording he spoke about his excitement at being able to release a new song saying in 2023 to still be working on beatles music and to release a new song the public havent heard i think its an exciting thing mccartney was also excited about hearing john lennons voice he said it was crystal clear lennon was shot dead by a fan outside his new york home in 1980 beatles drummer ringo starr said recording the song was the closest well ever come to having john lennon back in the room he said it was very emotional for all of us

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The Beatles have released the last song they recorded. The song is titled "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. He sang it at the piano and recorded it in 1979 at his home. The other Beatles added to the track over the years. Recording engineers used AI technology to bring the song to life, resulting in a sound like the four Beatles recorded it together in a studio. The song has been released as a double-A side single. The flip side of this record is a new mix of the band's first single "Love Me Do". This was first released in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' legendary greatest hits "1" album. This is a collection of their classics from 1967-1970. Beatles member Paul McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song. He said: "It's quite emotional. And we all played on it. It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about his excitement at being able to release a new song, saying: "In 2023, to still be working on Beatles music, and to release a new song the public haven't heard, I think it's an exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's voice. He said it was "crystal clear". Lennon was shot dead by a fan outside his New York home in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said recording the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very emotional for all of us".

FREE WRITING

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Write about **the Beatles** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE BEATLES: Make a poster about the Beatles. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. AI: Write a magazine article about limiting the use of AI in creating music. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the Beatles. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on the group. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. e	4. j	5. b
6. c	7. h	8. g	9. d	10. a

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. In 1977
2. Recording engineers
3. A double-A side
4. Love Me Do
5. 1967-1970
6. Reporters
7. A genuine Beatles recording
8. John Lennon's voice
9. The Beatles' drummer
10. "Us" (the Beatles)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The Beatles released the last song they recorded.
2. The other Beatles added to the track.
3. A sound like the Beatles recorded it together.
4. A new mix of the band's first single.
5. This album is a collection of their classics.
6. McCartney spoke to reporters about the new song.
7. Release a new song the public haven't heard.
8. Shot dead by a fan outside his home.
9. The closest we'll ever come to having him.
10. It was very emotional for all of us.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)