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Level 1 – 2nd November 2023

The Beatles release the last song they recorded

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Beatles have released their last song, called "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon. Other Beatles members added to it over the years. Engineers used AI to bring the song to life. It sounds like the Beatles recorded it in a studio. The song has been released as a single. The other side of the single is a new mix of 1962's "Love Me Do". "Now and Then" is the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' greatest hits "blue" album.

Paul McCartney said recording the new song was "emotional". He said: "It's a genuine Beatles recording." He added: "To release a new song [in 2023] the public haven't heard is an exciting thing." McCartney said John Lennon's voice was "crystal clear". Lennon was shot dead by a fan in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back in the room".

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/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The Beatles have released | a. track |
| 2. It was written | b. added to it |
| 3. Other Beatles members | c. greatest hits |
| 4. over the | d. is a new mix |
| 5. The song has been released | e. their last song |
| 6. The other side of the single | f. as a single |
| 7. "Now and Then" is the final | g. years |
| 8. a new edition of the Beatles' | h. by John Lennon |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. recording the new song | a. come |
| 2. It's a genuine Beatles | b. was "crystal clear" |
| 3. release | c. recording |
| 4. an exciting | d. back in the room |
| 5. John Lennon's voice | e. thing |
| 6. Lennon was shot dead | f. was "emotional" |
| 7. the closest we'll ever | g. by a fan in 1980 |
| 8. having John Lennon | h. a new song |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Paul McCartney said recording the new (7) _____. He said: "(8) _____ Beatles recording." He added: "To release a new song [in 2023] the (9) _____ is an exciting thing." McCartney said John Lennon's voice was "crystal clear". Lennon (10) _____ by a fan in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said the song was, "the closest we'll (11) _____ having [John Lennon] back (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE BEATLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song-4.html>

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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

