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**Level 0 – 2nd November 2023**

## **The Beatles release the last song they recorded**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song-0.html>

The Beatles have released their last song, called "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. Engineers used AI to bring it to life. It sounds like the Beatles recorded it in a studio. The other side of the single is a new mix of "Love Me Do". "Now and Then" is on a new edition of the Beatles' greatest hits "blue" album.

Paul McCartney said recording the song was "emotional" and "an exciting thing". He said: "It's a genuine Beatles recording." He was excited to release a new song in 2023 that no one has heard. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said the song was, "the closest we'll ever come to having [John Lennon] back".

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. like the Beatles    |
| 2. It was written            | b. used AI             |
| 3. Engineers                 | c. single is a new mix |
| 4. bring it to               | d. hits                |
| 5. It sounds                 | e. by John Lennon      |
| 6. recorded it in            | f. life                |
| 7. The other side of the     | g. a studio            |
| 8. the Beatles' greatest     | h. their last song     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. recording the song was    | a. recording   |
| 2. an exciting               | b. come        |
| 3. It's a genuine Beatles    | c. thing       |
| 4. He was excited to release | d. back        |
| 5. no one has                | e. Ringo Starr |
| 6. Beatles drummer           | f. emotional   |
| 7. the closest we'll ever    | g. heard       |
| 8. having John Lennon        | h. a new song  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Beatles (1) \_\_\_\_\_ last song, called "Now and

Then". It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ John Lennon in 1977.

Engineers (3) \_\_\_\_\_ bring it to life.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Beatles recorded it in a studio. The

other side of the single is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of "Love Me

Do". "Now and Then" is on a new edition of the Beatles' greatest

(6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul McCartney (7) \_\_\_\_\_ song was "emotional"

and "an exciting thing". He said: "(8) \_\_\_\_\_

Beatles recording." He was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a new song

in 2023 that no (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Beatles drummer

Ringo Starr (11) \_\_\_\_\_ was, "the closest we'll

ever (12) \_\_\_\_\_ [John Lennon] back".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE BEATLES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song-0.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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2311/231102-the-beatles-last-song-0.html>

Write about **the Beatles** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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