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Level 2 – 2nd November 2023

The Beatles release the last song they recorded

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Beatles have released their last song. It is called "Now and Then". It was written by John Lennon in 1977. The other Beatles members added to the track over the years. Sound engineers used AI to bring the song to life. It sounds like the Beatles recorded it together in a studio. The song has been released as a single. The other side of the single is a new mix of "Love Me Do" - the band's first single in 1962. "Now and Then" will also be the final track on a new edition of the Beatles' greatest hits "blue" album. This is a collection of their classic songs from 1967-1970.

Beatles member Paul McCartney said recording the new song was "quite emotional". He said: "It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about how exciting it was to still be working on Beatles music in 2023. He said: "To release a new song the public haven't heard is an exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's "crystal clear" voice. Lennon was shot dead by a fan in New York in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said 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/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The Beatles have released | a. to the track |
| 2. It was written | b. engineers |
| 3. other Beatles members added | c. is a new mix |
| 4. over | d. by John Lennon in 1977 |
| 5. sound | e. their classic songs |
| 6. bring the song to | f. the years |
| 7. The other side of the single | g. their last song |
| 8. This is a collection of | h. life |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. recording the new song was | a. come |
| 2. It's a genuine Beatles | b. exciting it was |
| 3. He spoke about how | c. "crystal clear" voice |
| 4. a new song the public | d. in the room |
| 5. hearing John Lennon's | e. "quite emotional" |
| 6. Lennon was shot dead | f. haven't heard |
| 7. the closest we'll ever | g. by a fan |
| 8. having John Lennon back | h. recording |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Beatles member Paul McCartney said recording the new song (7) _____. He said: "It's a genuine Beatles recording." He spoke about how exciting it was to (8) _____ on Beatles music in 2023. He said: "To release a new song the public haven't (9) _____ exciting thing." McCartney was also excited about hearing John Lennon's "crystal clear" voice. Lennon was shot dead (10) _____ in New York in 1980. Beatles drummer Ringo Starr said the song was, "the closest we'll (11) _____ having [John Lennon] back in the room". He said it was, "very emotional for (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

