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Reading & Listening comprehension

Michelle by The Beatles (1965)



"Michelle" is a love ballad by the Beatles, composed principally by Paul McCartney, with the middle eight cowritten with John Lennon. It is featured on their Rubber Soul album, released in December 1965. The song is unique among Beatles recordings in that some of its lyrics are in French. "Michelle" won the Grammy Award for Song of the Year in 1967 and has since become one of the best known and often recorded of all Beatles songs.

Some facts about the song



★ This is not based on any particular woman. They chose the name because it sounded good.

★ None of The Beatles spoke French. They picked up some German when they went there in 1962, but no French.

★ In France, this went to #1.

Activities

A- Decide if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F)

1. ___ The Beatles wrote Michelle in 1965.
2. ___ It is a unique song because the lyrics are partially in French.
3. ___ John Lennon didn't participate in the process of writing the song.
4. ___ The song didn't win any awards.
5. ___ Michelle was a woman Paul McCartney knew.
6. ___ The song was successful in France.

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B- Complete the song with the missing verbs

think - see - say - go - find - mean - understand - know - want - love

Michelle, ma belle
These are words that …… together well
My Michelle
Michelle, ma belle
Sont les mots qui vont tres bien ensemble
Tres bien ensemble

I love you, I love you, I love you
That's all I …… to say
Until I …… a way
I will say the only words I know that you'll ……

Michelle, ma belle
Sont les mots qui vont tres bien ensemble
Tres bien ensemble
I need to, I need to, I need to
I need to make you ……
Oh, what you …… to me
Until I do, I'm hoping you will know what I mean
I …… you

I want you, I want you, I want you
I …… you know by now
I'll get to you somehow
Until I do, I'm telling you so you'll understand

Michelle, ma belle
Sont les mots qui vont tres bien ensemble
Tres bien ensemble
And I will …… the only words I …… that you'll understand
My Michelle

C- Write the past simple of the verbs from the song

think	*find*	*know*
see	*mean*	*want*
say	*understand*	*love*
go		

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