

READING

Listen and read the text.

Liverpool City of change

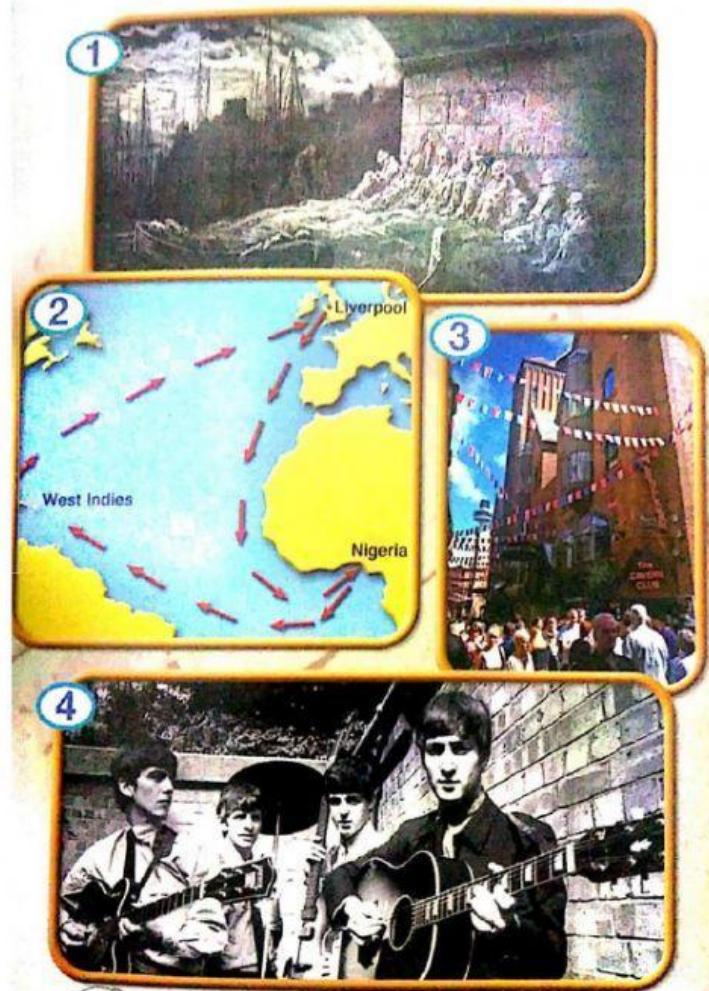
What does the city of Liverpool make you think of? The famous red shirts and shorts of Liverpool FC, or perhaps *The Beatles*? Liverpool has a fascinating history and it has changed a lot in the last three
5 hundred years ...

A In 1700, Liverpool was a small port with a population of 20,000. By 1800 it was a large, rich city. How did this happen? The answer is: the slave trade. Ships used to sail from Liverpool to Africa and transport slaves to
10 the West Indies to work on the sugar plantations. The ships then brought back sugar to Liverpool. Approximately ten million slaves crossed the Atlantic in this way, until the slave trade became illegal in Britain in 1809.

15 B In the nineteenth century, ships from Liverpool sailed all over the world transporting steel, cloth and coal to Britain's colonies. The city continued to grow and soon became badly over-crowded. Cholera used to kill thousands every year, and in the 1840s, 25,000
20 homeless children were living on the streets. Between 1846 and 1850 there was a terrible famine in Ireland. Nearly one million starving Irish people came to Liverpool. Most emigrated to America but 80,000 stayed in the city. By 1880 Liverpool's population was
25 600,000.

C Industry and trade declined in the twentieth century as Britain lost her colonies. By the 1980s the port was closed, and many of the buildings were falling down. But Liverpool became famous for other things, especially ³⁰ football and music. Britain's most famous pop group, *The Beatles*, came from Liverpool, and by the 1970s Liverpool FC was one of the best teams in the world.

D Today Liverpool is a modern, exciting city. They are restoring the port buildings, and there are lots of new ³⁵ shops, museums and restaurants. It's also 'European City of Culture' for 2008 – and it's still famous for football: Wayne Rooney was born in Liverpool.



Match the pictures (1-4) with the paragraphs (A-D).

Answer the questions about the text?

a- Where is Liverpool? _____

b- When was Liverpool a small port? _____

- c- What did the ships from Liverpool transport? _____
- d- How many people did cholera use to kill every year? _____
- e- Were homeless children living on the streets? _____
- f- When did industry and trade decline? _____
- g- When was the port closed? _____
- h- Which musical group came from Liverpool? _____
- i- Are they restoring the port buildings? _____
- j- Which soccer player is from Liverpool? _____

What is the significance of the dates in the box?

1700 – 1809 – 1846/50 – 1880 – the 1980s – 2008

1700 – In 1700 Liverpool's population was 200,000.

Are these sentences TRUE or FALSE? Correct the false ones.

- 1- Liverpool first became rich because of the slave trade.
- 2- Slave ships used to sail from Liverpool to the West Indies, then to Africa, then, back to Liverpool.
- 3- Nearly a million Irish people came to Liverpool during the famine.
- 4- Britain lost her colonies in the 20th century.
- 5- The buildings in the port are falling down, and Liverpool is still declining.

Find the words (1-4) in the text and match them to the meanings. (a-d).

1- Slave (line 8)	a- With too many people
2- Over-crowded (line 18)	b- Diminished; got smaller
3- Famine (line 21)	c- Somebody who works for no money and has no freedom
4- Declined (line 26)	d- A time when there is not enough food

Now prepare the text to read out loud UNTIL POINT C. Record it and upload the file to CLASSROOM.

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