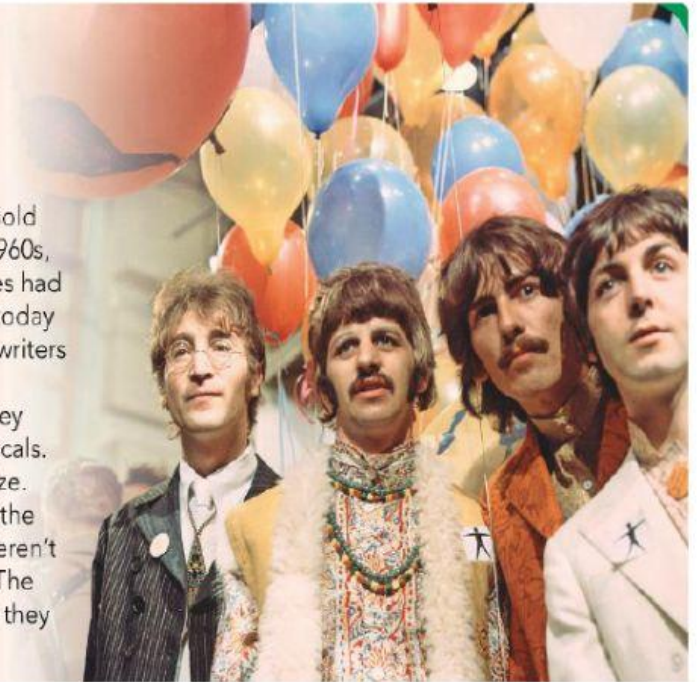


BEATLES



Music The 1960s

The Beatles are the most successful band in history. They sold more than one billion records and were a product of the 1960s, a decade many refer to as the *Swinging Sixties*. The Beatles had a big influence on pop and rock music and a lot of bands today use the same ideas as they did. Firstly, they were the songwriters as well as the performers. Two members of the band, Paul McCartney and John Lennon, wrote most of the songs. They also played instruments, such as guitars, the drums and vocals. Their songs were short and the lyrics were easy to memorize. The melody of the song was very simple but effective and the chorus often repeated the title of the song. The Beatles weren't the only band who used this formula. The Rolling Stones, The Kinks and The Who all influenced pop and rock music and they were all popular in the 1960s.



How many records did the Beatles sell?

How do we call the 1960s decade?

Who wrote most of the songs?

Were the songs long?

What were the lyrics like?

What did the chorus often repeat?

Listen to the song and complete the song:

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far _____,
Now it looks as though they're here to stay,
Oh I believe in _____.

Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be
There's a _____ hanging over me,
Oh yesterday _____ suddenly.

Why she had to go,
I don't know, she wouldn't say.
I said something wrong,
Now I long for yesterday.

Yesterday, love was such an easy _____ to play,
Now I need a place to _____ away,
Oh I believe in yesterday.

Why she had to go,
I don't know, she wouldn't say.
I said something wrong,
Now I long for yesterday.

Yesterday, love was such an easy game to play,
Now I need a place to hide away,
Oh I believe in yesterday.
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