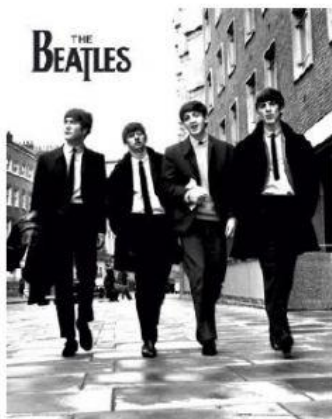


Put the verbs into the past simple



### The Beatles

The Beatles \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) a rock and pop group formed in Liverpool, England in 1960 who \_\_\_\_\_ (*to become*) one of the most commercially successful and critically acclaimed\* bands in the history of music. The band \_\_\_\_\_ (*to consist of*) John Lennon (rhythm guitar, vocals), Paul McCartney (bass guitar, vocals, piano), George Harrison (lead guitar, vocals) and Ringo Starr (drums, vocals).

The single "Please Please Me" \_\_\_\_\_ (*to be*) a success in the UK charts\* in late 1962. The group \_\_\_\_\_ (*to attract*) a lot of interest, termed\* "Beatlemania", during tours of the UK and Europe throughout the next year. They were against the Vietnam War and it was a problem for the American government. As a result, the government didn't want John Lennon to stay in the United States and deported\* him. In 1967 the group \_\_\_\_\_ (*to meet*) Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who \_\_\_\_\_ (*to introduce*) them to meditation. The same year, their manager \_\_\_\_\_ (*to die*) from an overdose. The group \_\_\_\_\_ (*to spend*) time in India, treating the Maharishi as their guru for a short time, but \_\_\_\_\_ (*to become*) disillusioned with him. Increasingly dominated by conflict, the group disintegrated\* in 1970. All four members \_\_\_\_\_ (*to begin*) successful solo careers.

The Beatles \_\_\_\_\_ (*to sell*) one billion\* records internationally. According to the Recording Industry Association of America, they have sold more albums in the United States than any other band. Lennon was killed in 1980, in New York City. Marc

David Chapman \_\_\_\_\_ (to murder) him: he \_\_\_\_\_ (to shoot)

Lennon four times. The tragedy \_\_\_\_\_ (to take) place\* when his wife, Yoko Ono was

present. George Harrison \_\_\_\_\_ (to die) of lung\* cancer in 2001.

Richard Starkey (Ringo Starr) and Paul McCartney are still alive.

**A little help:**

To acclaim: to applause, to praise

Charts: hit parade

Termed: called

Deported: forced him to go away

Disintegrated: separated

A billion: a thousand million.

To take place: to happen

Lungs: without them, you could not breathe