# The Rock and Roll

**1. Read the text about Rock and Roll and complete the table below.**

Rock and Roll is a form of music that started in the United States around 1950.

The origins of rock and roll came from a mix of various popular musical genres of the time. These included gospel, folk music and blues.

The classic instruments are: an electric guitar, a bass guitar and a drum kit.

The beat is a pulse of sound that marks the rhythm of the music. It is based on the boogie woogie blues rhythm and it has a strong backbeat played by the drums.

Rock and roll wasn't simply a musical style. It influenced lifestyles, fashion, attitudes and language.

New forms of music were born from it like soft rock and pop among many others.

**Bill Haley and the Comets, Elvis Presley, The Rolling Stones, The Beatles and Miguel Ríos from Spain are famous rock and roll artists.**

**Rock and Roll**

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| Date Origins | |
| Place Origins | |
| Typical Instruments | |
| Styles origins | |
| Derivative Form | |

**The earliest rock players**

**Bill Haley & the Comets** were an American rock and roll band that was **founded** in 1952. The band was the earliest group of white musicians to bring Rock and Roll to the attention of white America and the rest of the world. Between 1954 and 1956 nine of their singles made the top 20, one of those was a number one. "Rock Around the Clock" was the Comet's biggest **hit** and one of the most important records in Rock and Roll history.

**2. Check what you know about The Beatles.**

**was** **were** **England**

**one** **player** **influential**

The Beatles …… a rock band from Liverpool, ……. formed in 1960.

The group ……. formed by four members.

John Lennon and Paul McCartney …… the songwriters and vocals.

George Harrison …… the lead guitar ……

Ringo Starr …… the drummer.

They released more than 40 singles and albums.

Fifteen songs ……. number ……. in the U.K. charts.

They …… the most famous and……. pop-music group in the 60s.