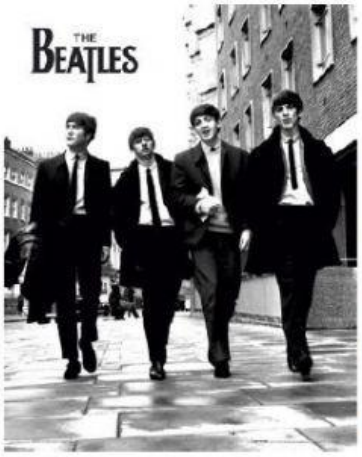
Put the verbs into the past simple




**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



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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 Sarr) and Paul McCartney are still alive.

**A little help:**

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| To acclaim: to applause, to praise | Disintegrated: separated |
| Charts: hit parade | A billion: a thousand million. |
| Termed: called | To take place: to happen |
| Deported: forced him to go away | Lungs: without them, you could not breathe |

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