

READING

- 1 BEFORE YOU READ** Look at the picture. Who are these people? 
What do you think they do?

ALMOST THE REAL THING!

There are lots of **tribute bands** in Japan. They sing songs by famous bands, such as the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. They dress like them and sometimes look like them, too.

The Parrots are one of the most popular Beatles tribute bands. They often play at Abbey Road Live House, a small music club in Roppongi, Tokyo. The Parrots don't speak English very well, but they know two hundred Beatles songs. Singer Mamori Yoshii has a very good Liverpool **accent**.

In 2012, they were **onstage** in Manchester, England with a famous British band called the Arctic Monkeys. In 2013, the Parrots were onstage in Tokyo with Paul McCartney



Japanese Beatles tribute band

at a surprise birthday party for his wife Nancy Shevell. McCartney was in Japan to promote his album *New*. The Parrots were also the first Asian band to play at a Beatles' **convention** in the UK. Not bad for a tribute band!



- 2** Read the article. Choose (✓) *True* or *False*.

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| 1. There are only tribute bands for the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. The Parrots sing songs by the Beatles. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Mamori Yoshii speaks English very well. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. The Parrots were with Paul McCartney on his birthday. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. The Parrots were in Japan for a Beatles convention. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6. The Parrots were also in a concert with the Arctic Monkeys. | ☐ | ☐ |