

The Beatles – Glossary

achievement noun [count]

a particular thing that someone has achieved:
Winning the gold medal was a remarkable achievement.

anthem noun [count]

a song that is important to a particular group of people

ballad noun [count]

a popular love song

bass or **bass guitar** [count]

an electric guitar that produces very low notes

battle noun [count]

a situation in which someone is trying very hard to deal with a difficult situation:
She has lost her battle against breast cancer.

break up phrasal verb

if two people break up, or if a relationship breaks up, the relationship ends:
He's just broken up with his girlfriend.

cancer noun [uncount]

a serious illness that is caused when cells in the body increase in an uncontrolled way:
He died of lung cancer.

circle noun [count]

a group of people who know one another or are interested in the same things:
They have a large circle of friends.

contract noun [count]

a written legal agreement between two people or organizations: *After six months she was offered a contract of employment.*

crazed adjective

completely crazy and uncontrolled

develop verb [intransitive or transitive]

to change, grow, or improve, or to make something grow, change, or improve:
All children develop at different rates.

distinctive adjective

easy to recognize because of being different from other people or things of the same type

drum noun [count]

a musical instrument that consists of a tight skin stretched over a round frame. You hit it with your hands or a stick.

drummer noun [count]

someone who plays the drums

elite noun [count]

the best or most skilful people in a group:
This book puts him among the elite of British novelists.

experienced adjective

someone who is experienced has skill at something because they have done it a lot:
I'm a lot more experienced than him.

fete noun [count]

an outdoor event with goods for sale and competitions, usually organized by a school or church in order to make money

grip verb [transitive]

to have a strong effect on someone:
A feeling of fear gripped the crowd.

iconic adjective

very famous and well known, and believed to represent a particular idea: *His photographs have become iconic images of war.*

induct verb [transitive]

to officially accept someone into a group

join verb [transitive]

to become a member of an organization, club, or group, or to start working for an organization:
Martin joined the firm in 1999.

label noun [count]

a company that produces records: *Their album was released on the Digital Experience label.*

performer noun [count]

someone who performs in front of an audience, for example an actor or a musician

produce verb [intransitive or transitive]

to organize the work and money that are involved in making a film, play, television or radio programme, CD etc: *Steve McQueen produced and starred in The Getaway.*

recording noun

1 [count] a piece of music or speech that has been recorded
2 [uncount] the process of making recordings

reject verb [transitive]

to refuse to accept someone for a job or a course of study

release verb [transitive]

to make a film, video, or CD available for people to see or buy:

They have just released their second album.

remain verb [intransitive]

to continue to exist after other things have gone or have been dealt with: *Only a handful of these rare fish remain in Scotland.*

shoot (past tense and past participle **shot**) verb [transitive]

to hit someone or something with a bullet from a gun:

The man was shot in the head as he left the bar.

single noun [count]

a musical record with only one song or piece of music on each side

skill noun [count or uncount]

the ability to do something well, usually as a result of experience and training: *computer skills*

solo adjective, adverb

playing or singing alone

split noun [count]

a disagreement that causes a group to divide into smaller groups

star noun [count]

a famous and popular actor, entertainer, or sports player: *a Hollywood/pop/soccer star*

surname noun [count]

the part of your name that is your family's name

task noun [count]

something that you have to do, often something that is difficult or unpleasant: *routine/daily tasks*

take hold phrase

to become stronger and difficult to stop: *They were fortunate to escape before the fire took hold.*

vocal noun [count]

The part of a piece of popular music that is sung: *Who is on backing vocals?*

working class noun

the working class or the working classes the social class consisting of people who have little money, education, or power, and who work mainly in jobs that require physical skills

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