

### 1. The Beatles

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1964, The Beatles released their first album in the United States of America, *Meet The Beatles*. Almost overnight they became internationally famous and 'Beatlemania' spread across the globe. It's been 35 years since they split, and since then two of them have died, but their music endures. This week, we take a closer look at the 'Fab Four', from their humble origins to their superstardom.

#### Level

Intermediate upwards

#### How to use the lesson

1. Give your students five minutes to read through Worksheet A and remember as many of the details as they can. Tell them they are going to answer questions about The Beatles, but they shouldn't write anything down at this stage.
2. After five minutes stop your students. Ask them to turn over their worksheets.
3. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B. Tell them that by answering the questions they can find the name of the 'fifth Beatle', the man who produced all of their hits. Divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to answer the questions and write the answers in the grid.
4. Check answers in open class. If the questions have all been answered as below, the name *George Martin* should be written in the box.

#### Answers

1. Germany
2. EMI
3. Ono
4. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
5. George Harrison
6. Epstein
7. McCartney
8. Abbey Road Studios
9. Ringo
10. Ten (1960-1970)
11. I Wanna Hold Your Hand
12. New York

### 2. Related Websites

Take a closer look at some of the people and places mentioned in the text

<http://www.beatlesagain.com/>

Click on any part of the record for Beatles information

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Beatles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Beatles)

A fairly comprehensive account of the Beatles

<http://www.beatlefans.com/>

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