Текст для аудіювання “The Beatles”.

1. Pre-Listening Activities.

Т: What do you think?

Do you know the famous group “The Beatles”?

What hits of the Beatles do you like?

Are the Beatles still popular in England? Why?

1. While-Listening Activities.

**The Beatles**

The Beatles became nationally famous in England in October 1962, when their first single record, Love me do, entered the Hit Parade at number 27. The famous four who recorded that song were, of course, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and drummer Ringo Starr.

The Beatles began with a series of lunchtime concerts at Liverpool’s Cavern Club. The lunchtime concerts were a great success. The road outside the club was always crowded with girls who worked in nearby shops and offices. They came to see the Beatles during their lunch-break. The man who ran the local record shop went to see what all the fuss was about. His name was Brian Epstein, the man who became the Beatles manager.

During the sixties, it seemed that the Beatles were always in the news headlines. They made successful records and interesting films. Lennon caused anti-Beaties demonstrations in America by saying that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus Christ. Beatlemania was the word used to describe the reaction of fans all over the world.

When Epstein died in 1967, things began to be wrong for the Beatles’ industry. The relationship between Lennon and McCartney became very difficult; they disagreed about music, they disliked each other’s wives, and they disagreed about who should be the new manager of their affairs.

During the seventies, the Beatles went off in different directions. Lennon became a solo performer and then property speculator in New York, buying and selling expensive apartments. McCartney formed a pop group called “Wings” with his wife, Linda. George Harrison was rarely seen, but spent time raising money for charity. Ringo Starr began a surprisingly successful career as a film star. John Lennon was murdered in New York in December, 1980.

In October 1982, 20 years after Love Me Do entered the British Hit Parade, a Beatles song was again in the Top Ten.

The song was *...Love Me Do.*

***1.*** *Listen to the text for the first time and put the first names and surnames together to make the names of the four Beatles.*

1. John a) Starr
2. Ringo b) Harrison
3. George c) McCarthney
4. Paul d) Lennon

***2.*** *Listen to the text again and say if the sentences are* ***true*** *or* ***false****.*

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| *True or False* | ***True*** | ***False*** |
| The Beatles became nationally famous in England with their first single record “Love me do”. |  |  |
| The Beatles began with a series of night concerts at Liverpool’s Cavern Club. |  |  |
| The Beatles manager was Brian Epstein. |  |  |
| “Beatlemania” was the word used to describe the reaction of fans all over the world. |  |  |
| During the eighties, the Beatles went in different directions. |  |  |
| In October 1982 “Love me do” entered the British Hit Parade. |  |  |

**3**. *Answer the questions*

When did the Beatles become famous?

How did Brian Epstein become the group’s manager?

What does the word “Beatlemania” mean?

Why did the Beatles split up?

What did they do after they had splitted up?

***4.*** *Imagine you are a DJ for a local radio station for teenagers. Tell about the Beatles and*

*their hits.*