The Beatles

After reading
Pages 1–3
1 Underline the mistakes in the sentences.
What’s wrong?
   a After the end of the Beatles, they always said, ‘We will play together again soon.’
   b John Lennon died at his home in New York.
   c Liverpool is in the centre of the United Kingdom, a long way from the sea.
   d Rock and roll came to Britain from Europe in the 1950s.
2 Write the correct names.
   a ………………… wanted to be like Elvis Presley.
   b ………………… spent hours drawing pictures of guitars until he got his own guitar.
   c ………………… had a trumpet as his first instrument.
   d ………………… started playing his instrument when he was ill in hospital.
   e ………………… started the Quarry Men.

Pages 4–7
3 Match the first half of the sentences (a–f) with the last half (1–6).
   a Lennon listened to Harrison play for the first time …..
   b Stu Sutcliffe bought a bass guitar …..
   c They played on their first tour …..
   d Lennon said that he grew up …..
   e Their first trip to Hamburg ended early …..
   f Sutcliffe decided to stay in Hamburg …..
      1) because Harrison was not old enough to play in night clubs.
      2) and joined the band.
      3) because he was in love with a German photographer.
      4) in Hamburg.
      5) in Scotland.
      6) on the top of a bus.
4 Put the right name from the box at the beginning of the sentences.
   George Harrison  Stu Sutcliffe
   Pete Best  Paul McCartney
   a ………………… wanted Harrison to join them.
   b ………………… needed to learn to play the bass.
   c ………………… already had some drums.

Pages 8–11
5 Find …
   a the name of the studios where the Beatles recorded their first song.
   b the name of Lennon’s first wife.
   c the name of the Beatles’ first single.
   d the name of the Beatles’ first number one single.
   e the year they recorded With the Beatles, their second album.

6 Answer these questions.
   a Had George Martin produced a lot of pop bands before he met the Beatles?
   b Why did Martin make Pete Best leave the band?
   c How did people across the country hear the new Beatles’ song Love Me Do?
   d The Beatles wanted Please, Please Me to get to number one. What did they do to make this happen?
   e How many days did the Beatles take to record their first album, Please, Please Me?

Pages 12–15
7 Put these sentences in order. Write the numbers 1–8.
   a Harrison met his future wife, Patti Boyd.
   b President Kennedy was shot.
   c The Beatles were the most popular band in Britain.
   d The film A Hard Day’s Night was made.
   e They made the album Beatles for Sale.
   f They played on the Ed Sullivan show.
   g They went to America again.
   h They went to America for the first time.

8 Find the right name to complete these sentences.
   a A British newspaper compared Lennon and McCartney with ………………….
   b Harrison was worried by the death of ………………….
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9 Answer these questions.
   a What was unusual about Yesterday?
   b Why didn’t Starr enjoy the Beatles’ concert in New York in 1965?
   c Why did Elvis Presley want the government to send the Beatles back to Britain?
   d What unusual instrument did Harrison play in Norwegian Wood?
   e What two different views of life are in the words of We Can Work It Out?

10 Underline the mistakes in the sentences. Make them right.
   a The Beatles were not popular in Japan.
   b They were able to walk around Tokyo freely.
   c They were invited to a party by the president of the Philippines.
   d They pushed the crowd around at the airport and knocked over a policeman.
   e They made a lot of money from their concert in Manila.

11 Match the first half of the sentences (a–f) with the last half (1–6).
   a Harrison used Indian music ……
   b Some radio stations were angry ……
   c They played their last concert ……
   d Strawberry Fields ……
   e Their 1967 album ……
   f Over three hundred million people ……
      1) watched the Our World programme.
      2) in San Francisco.
      3) because of Lennon’s comments.
      4) changed pop music a lot.
      5) was a place Lennon remembered.
      6) in a song from Revolver.

12 Put these sentences in order. Write the numbers 1–7.
   a The Apple shop opened.
   b Brian Epstein died.
   c Star left the band for a while.
   d The White Album was made.
   e The Beatles made a new film.
   f Yoko Ono worked in the studio with them.
   g They travelled to India.
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Pages 1–11

1 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?
   a Lennon was killed by just one bullet. 
   b Harrison's father liked American music. 
   c Stu Sutcliffe was quite a good guitarist. 
   d They played very long concerts in Germany. 
   e Astrid Kirchherr invented the Beatles haircut.

2 What happened first, second, third? Write the numbers 1–6.
   a They went to play in Germany. 
   b Brian Epstein became their manager. 
   c Lennon, McCartney and Harrison played together. 
   d Ringo Starr became the Beatles' drummer. 
   e The Silver Beatles toured Scotland. 
   f Sutcliffe left the band.

Pages 12–16

3 Put the words from the box in the right places.
   tour  number  screams  film  band  lost
   a I Want to Hold Your Hand was the Beatles' first American …………. one.
   b Their 1964 …………. to America was a great success.
   c …………. from the fans made it hard to listen to their concerts.
   d The first …………. they made was in black and white.
   e McCartney recorded Yesterday without the …………. .
   f It was a song about …………. love.

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4 Choose the correct answer, 1, 2 or 3.
   a At the New York concert, Starr was …………
      1) surprised to see so many people.
      2) unhappy because of Lennon's attitude.
      3) worried about the quality of the music.
   b The MBE is usually given …………
      1) to pop groups.
      2) to important soldiers and company bosses.
      3) to the Queen.
   c Paperback Writer …………
      1) was less romantic than their other singles.
      2) was about Cynthia Lennon.
      3) was made in 1965.
   d Lennon caused problems …………
      1) because he attacked the modern church.
      2) because he didn't believe in Jesus.
      3) because he wasn't careful about his words.

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5 Put the names from the box in the right place.
   Lennon  Jagger  Harrison  Brian Epstein  Starr
   a Mick …………. was with the Beatles to sing All You Need is Love.
   b …………. was the Beatle who was most interested in Indian thinking.
   c Without …………. the Beatles had problems with business questions.
   d …………. wrote a strange song about a sea animal.
   e …………. liked his food from home.

6 What happened first, second, third? Write the numbers 1–8.
   a The Beatles produced their last album. 
   b Their new film Magical Mystery Tour was ready. 
   c McCartney married Linda Eastman. 
   d They travelled to India. 
   e They made the Sergeant Pepper album. 
   f Lennon's marriage to Cynthia ended. 
   g The White Album came out. 
   h They spent a few days in Wales.

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7 Some of the sentences are wrong. Make them right.
   a Fights about business stopped when the group was finished. 
   b Starr worked with all the Beatles after the end of the group. 
   c Lennon produced comedy films. 
   d Lennon's last album was mostly about his wife and child. 
   e Lennon and McCartney were never friends again. 

8 Choose the correct word or expression
   leave  queen  tried  toured  losing
   a The Apple company was …………. a lot of money.
   b McCartney was the first to …………. the band.
   c Starr …………. for many years with his All Starr Band.
   d Someone …………. to kill Harrison in 1999.
   e McCartney went back to see the …………. in 1997.