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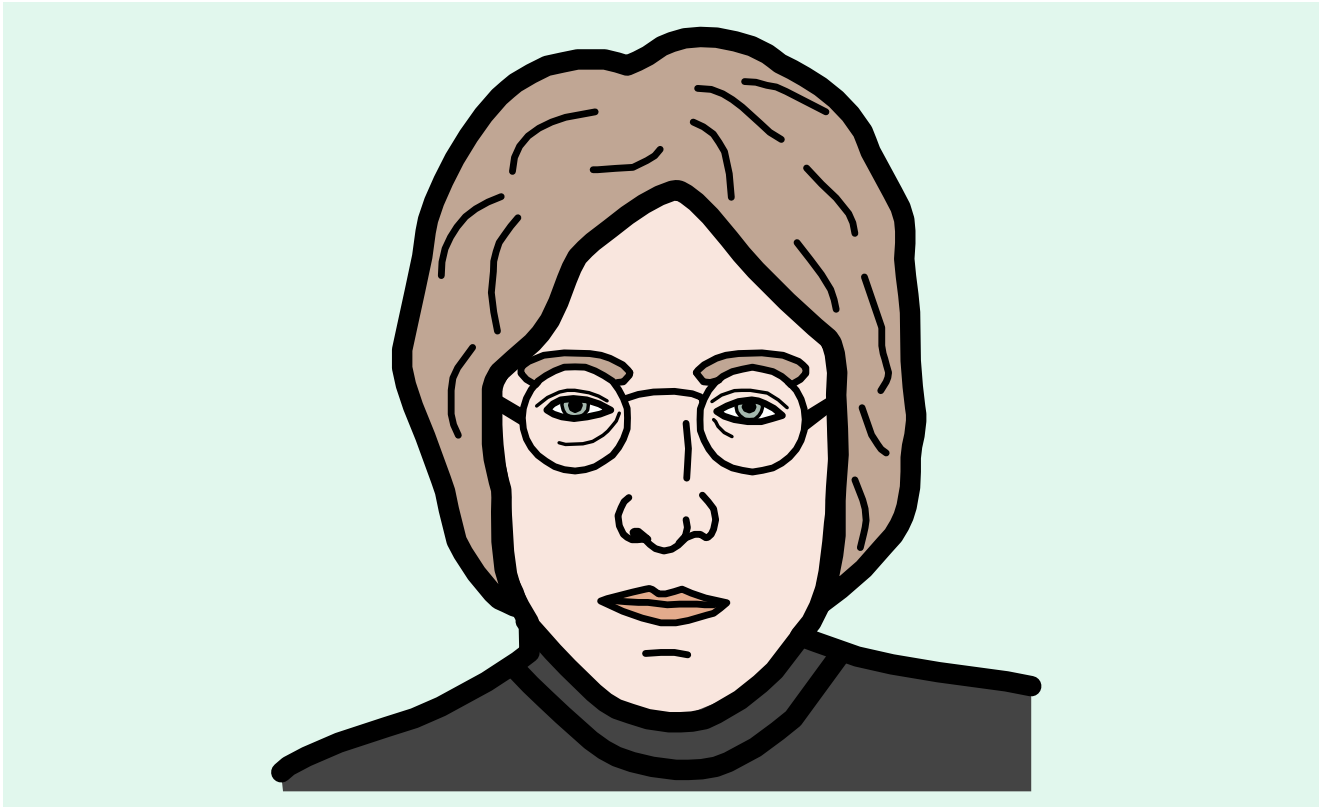
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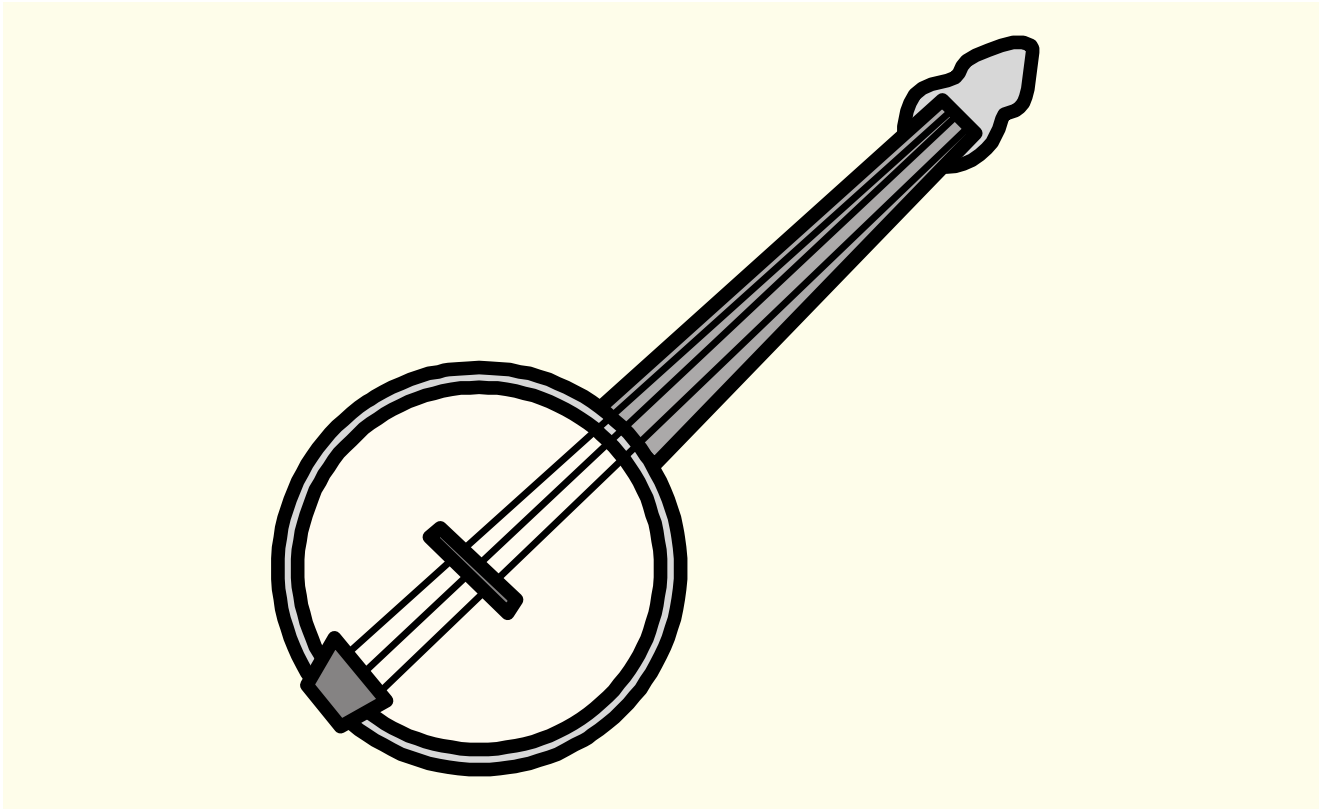


John Lennon was born in Liverpool in 1940.

John was the only son of Alfred and Julia.

Alfred and Julia divorced in 1944.

John grew up in Liverpool with his Aunt Mimi.

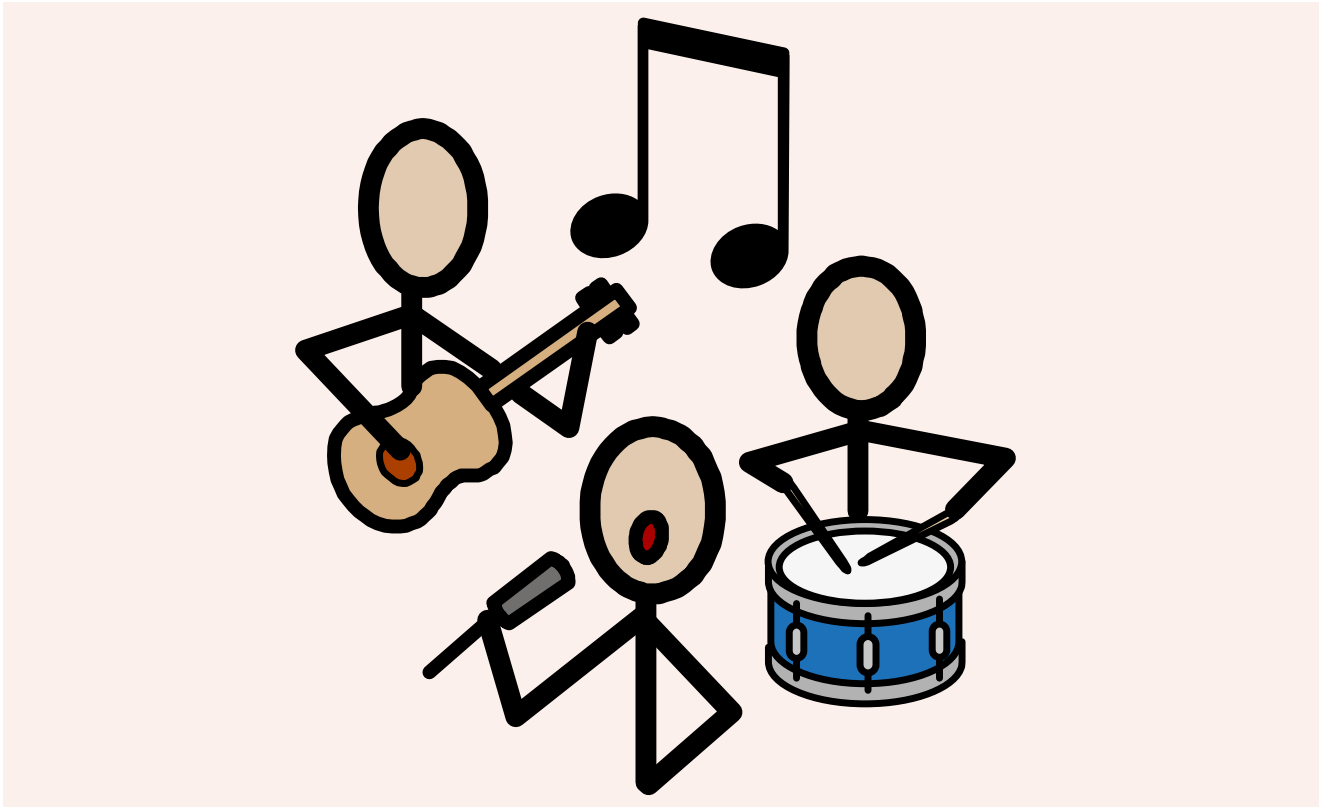


John grew up reading lots of short stories.

His uncle bought him a mouth organ.

His mother visited him regularly.

His mother taught him how to play the banjo.



In 1957 John met Paul McCartney in Liverpool.

Paul joined John's band, The Quarrymen.

The Quarrymen played music called skiffle.

George Harrison joined the band aged 14.

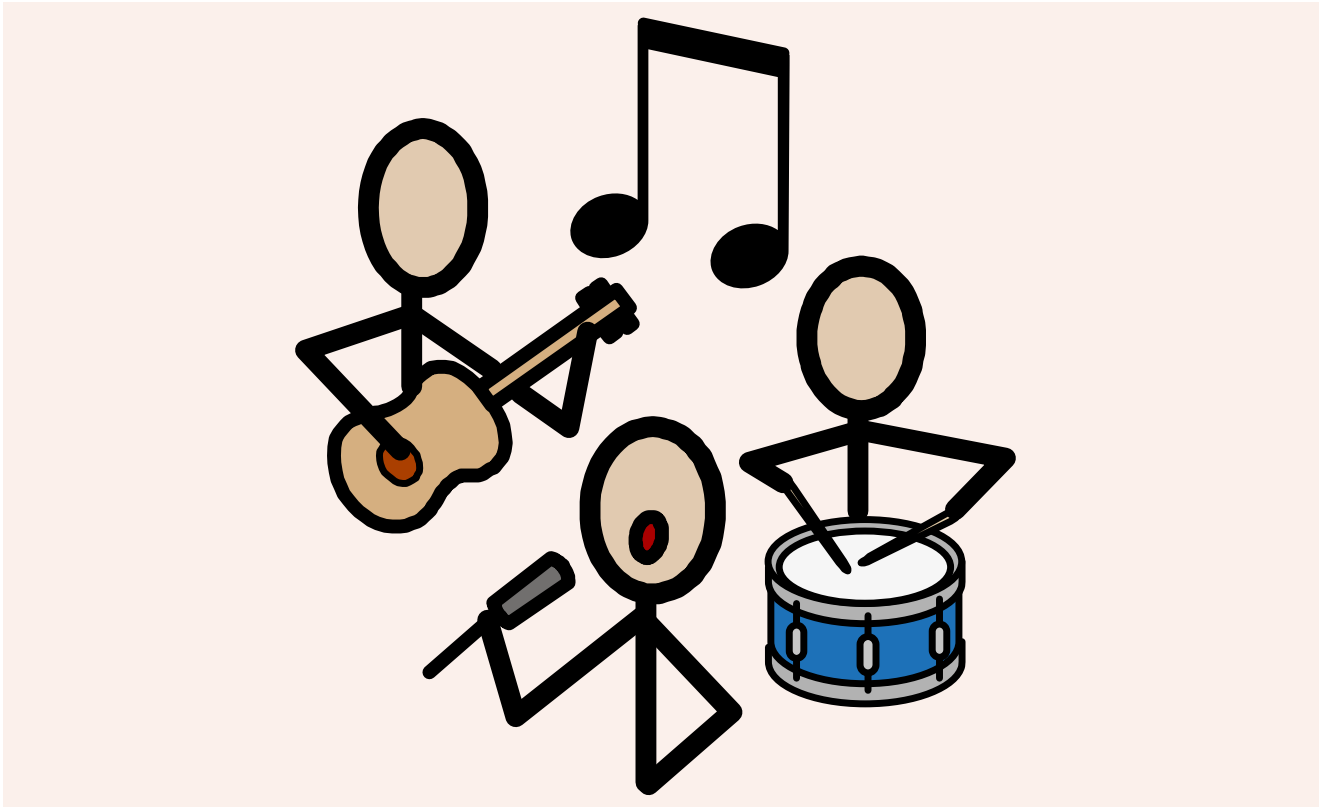


John and Paul began writing their own songs.

The band played at the Cavern Club in Liverpool.

They became very popular and successful.

They played in Hamburg in Germany for 2 years.

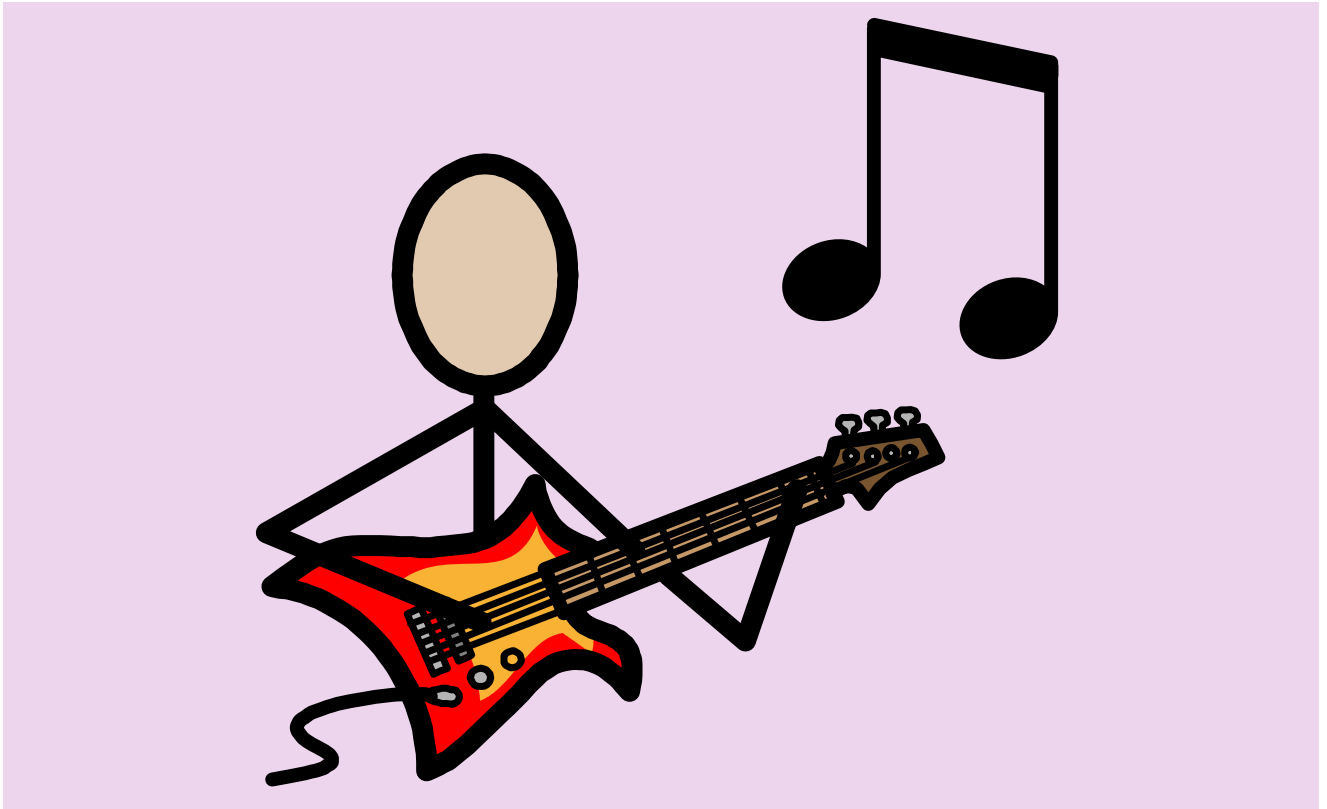


In 1960 they changed the name to the Beatles.

The Beatles' first hit song was "Love Me Do".

John and Paul wrote most of the songs.

All of the band members sang.



The Beatles had 4 band members.

Ringo Starr played the drums.

Paul McCartney played the bass guitar.

John Lennon and George Harrison played guitar.





In 1963 the Beatles recorded their first album.

They became one of the most popular bands ever.

Female fans became hysterical at their shows.

The term Beatlemania described this affect.



The Beatles recorded 11 number one albums.

The Beatles starred in 5 films.

In 1965 the Queen awarded the Beatles MBEs.

The Beatles became the best selling band ever.

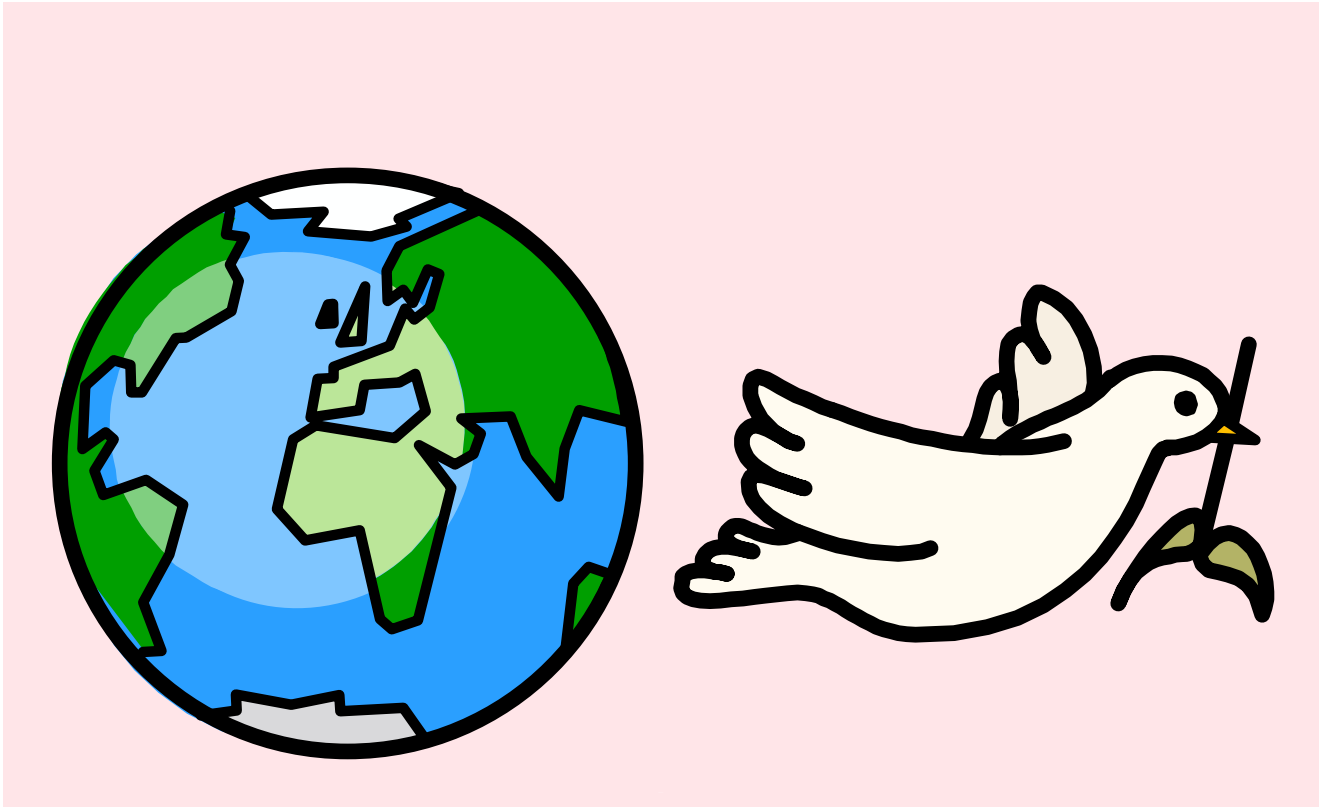


In 1969 John married Yoko Ono.

John and Yoko became peace campaigners.

They lay in bed for for 2 weeks for peace.

This type of protest is called non-violent.

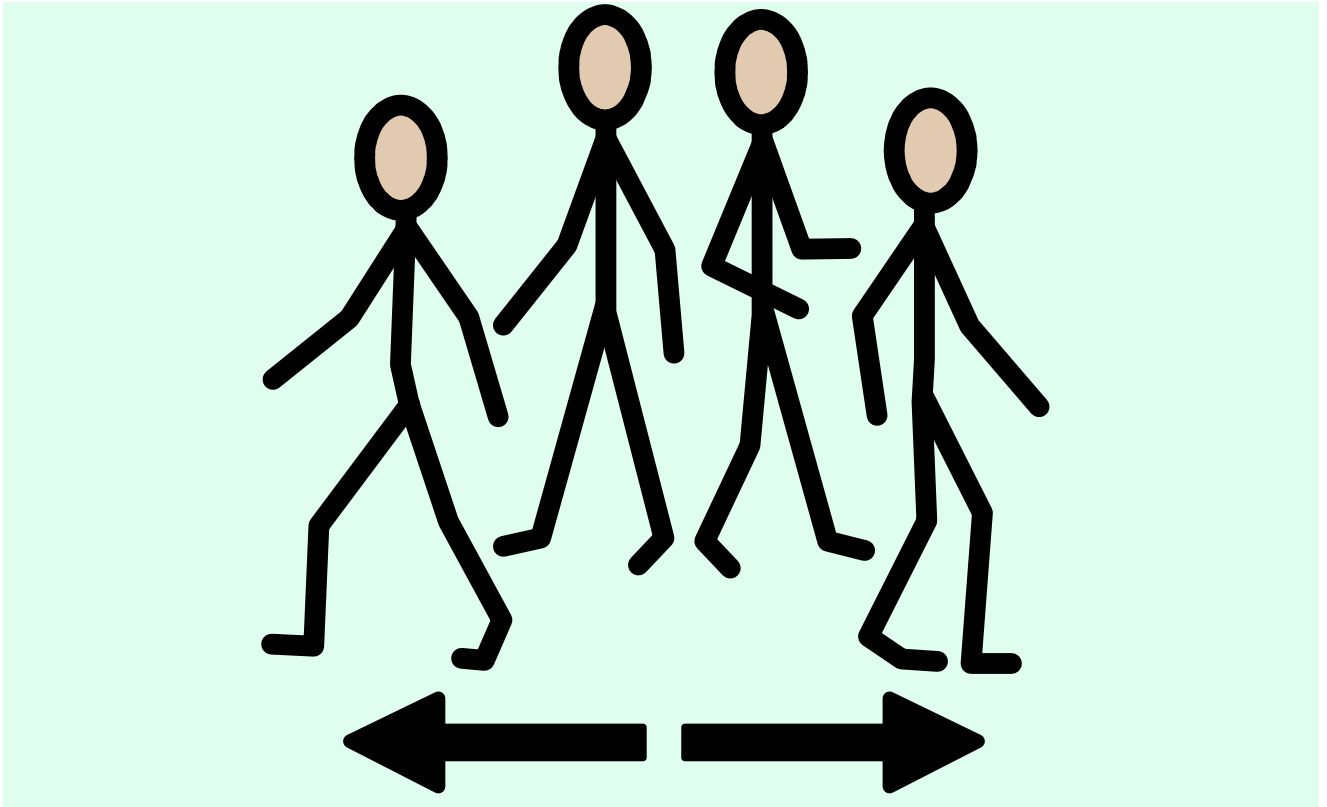


Musically the Beatles began to grow apart.

Each man had different musical tastes.

John became more political.

John believed in social justice and world peace.

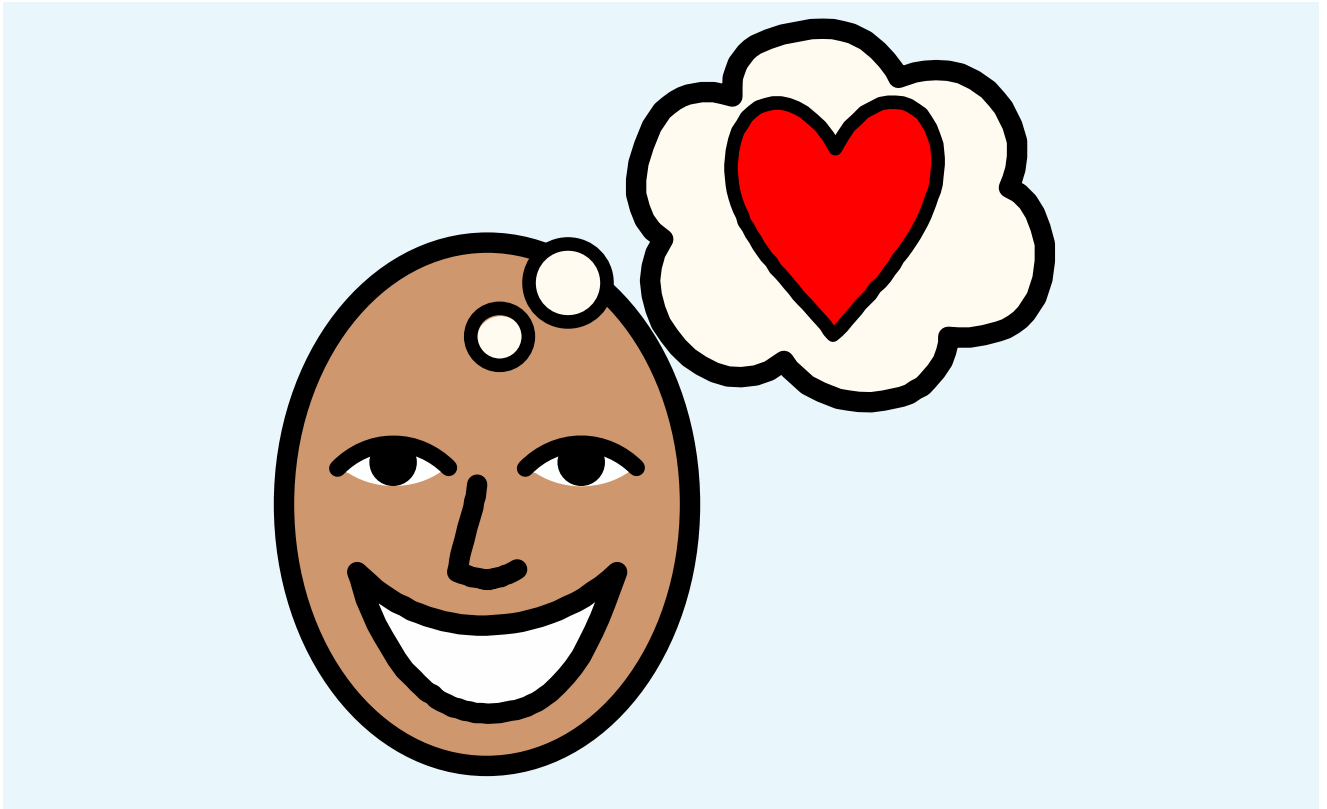


In 1970 the Beatles broke up.

John left and continued with a solo career.

In 1971 John and Yoko moved to America.

John recorded many songs with Yoko.

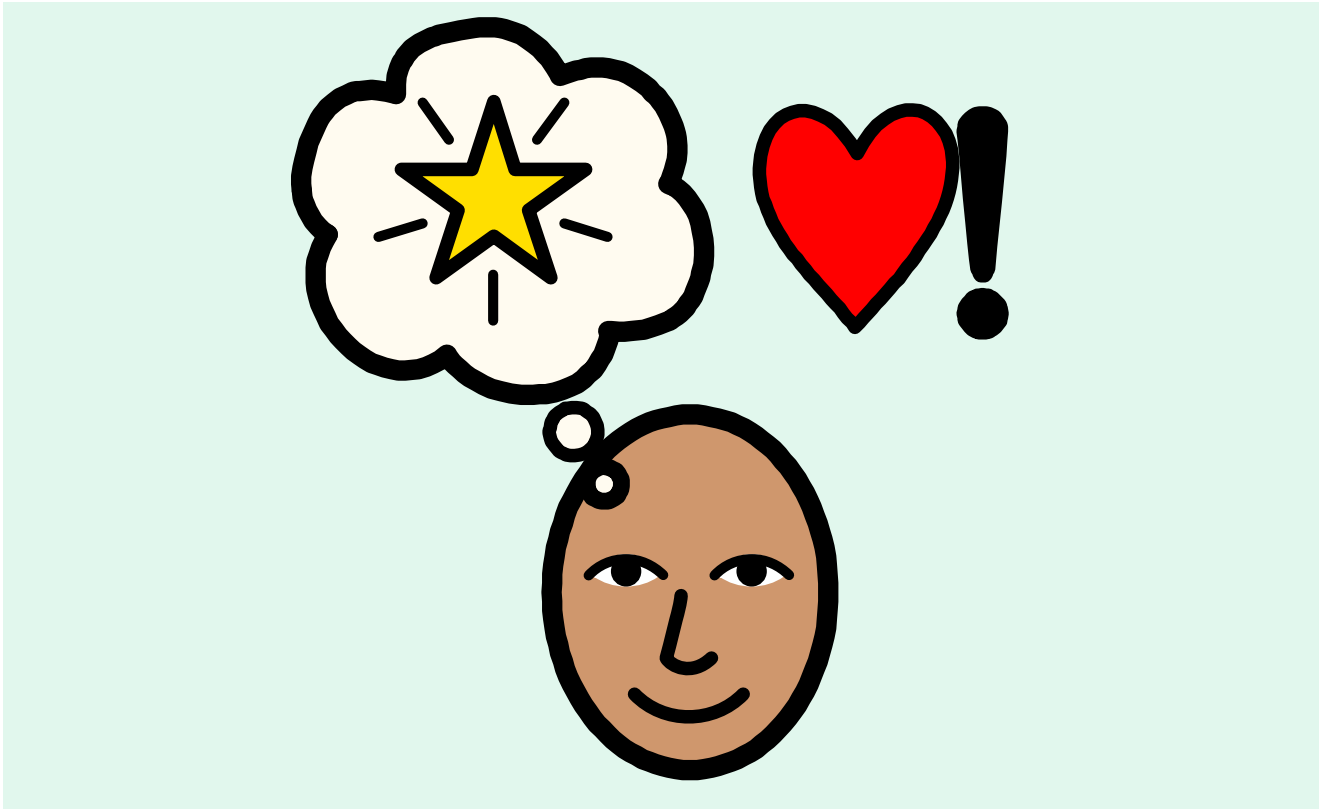


Imagine is John's most famous solo album.

Imagine has sold over 20 million copies.

John and Yoko had a son called Sean.

They stopped making music for 5 years.



In 1980 Sean went to school.

John began to write and record music again.

Sadly John died on December 8 1980.

Fans all over the world mourned John's death.



John's music is still played everywhere.

John won awards for his music with the Beatles.

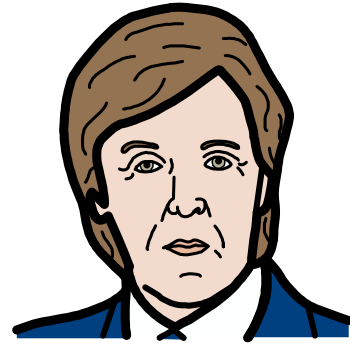
John won many awards for his solo music.

John influenced and changed rock music.





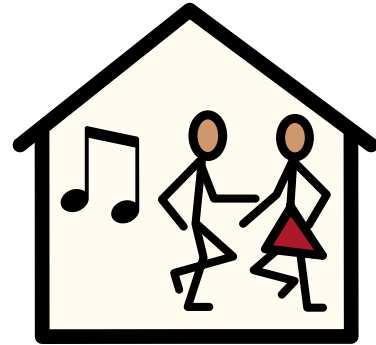
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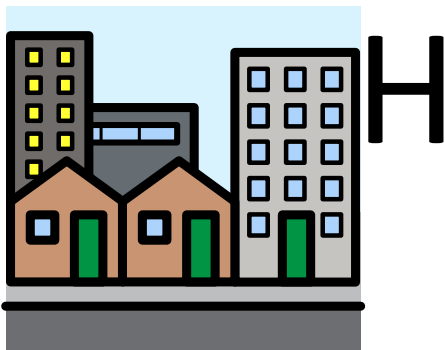
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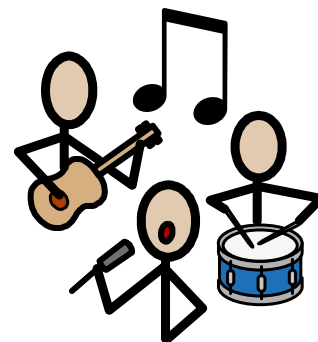
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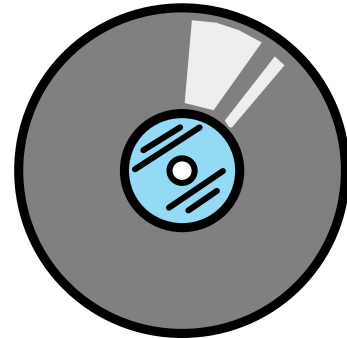
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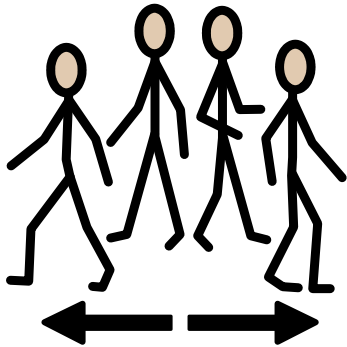
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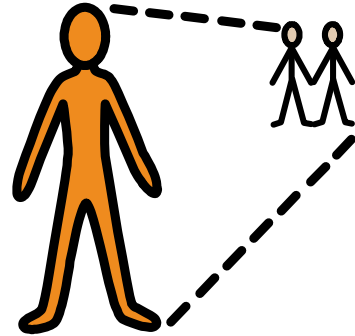
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