

BEATLES DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The Beatles are probably the most popular band in music history. Beatles Day celebrates The Beatles' triumphant return to their hometown, Liverpool, on 10 July 1964 from their first tour to the USA. It was also just in time for the premiere of their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night". This day is considered one of the landmarks in their rise to fame. Since 2008, its anniversary has been celebrated as Beatles Day in both Liverpool and Hamburg, the cities where the Fab Four started on the road to stardom. There are other "Beatles Day" holidays. In the USA, it is on February the 27th to mark the beauty and peacefulness of the Beatles' music in time for spring. UNESCO declared January 16 as The Beatles Day in 2001.

The official Beatles Day website says: "Beatles Day is an opportunity for the community of Liverpool to get together and celebrate the musical legacy of The Beatles, with a variety of artists from different styles performing throughout the day. It is also a chance to help raise money for the Beatles Day Foundation, which contributes money to various Liverpool charities." Bands from around the world gather in Liverpool and play Beatles music. People wear Beatles wigs or take photos of themselves to copy the album covers from the band. It is a festive occasion on which the organisers hope to have fun, bring back the spirit of Beatlemania, and raise money for charity.

Sources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beatles_Day

<http://www.beatlesday.tv/>

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. probably the most popular | <i>a.</i> of their first movie |
| 2. The Beatles' triumphant return to | <i>b.</i> road to stardom |
| 3. in time for the premiere | <i>c.</i> their rise to fame |
| 4. one of the landmarks in | <i>d.</i> band in music history |
| 5. the Fab Four started on the | <i>e.</i> of the Beatles' music |
| 6. the beauty and peacefulness | <i>f.</i> their hometown, Liverpool |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. an opportunity for the community of | <i>a.</i> legacy of The Beatles |
| 2. celebrate the musical | <i>b.</i> of Beatlemania |
| 3. a variety of artists | <i>c.</i> money for charity |
| 4. People wear | <i>d.</i> Liverpool to get together |
| 5. bring back the spirit | <i>e.</i> Beatles wigs |
| 6. raise | <i>f.</i> from different styles |

LISTENING GAP FILL

The Beatles are probably the (1) _____ music history. Beatles Day celebrates The Beatles' triumphant return to their hometown, Liverpool, on 10 July 1964 (2) _____ the USA. It was (3) _____ premiere of their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night". This day is considered one of the landmarks (4) _____. Since 2008, its anniversary has been celebrated as Beatles Day in both Liverpool and Hamburg, the cities where the Fab Four (5) _____ stardom. There are other "Beatles Day" holidays. In the USA, it is on February the 27th to mark the beauty and peacefulness of the Beatles' (6) _____. UNESCO declared January 16 as The Beatles Day in 2001.

The official Beatles Day website says: "Beatles Day is an opportunity for the community of Liverpool (7) _____ celebrate (8) _____. The Beatles, with a variety of artists from different styles performing throughout the day. It is also a (9) _____ money for the Beatles Day Foundation, which contributes money to various Liverpool charities." Bands from (10) _____ in Liverpool and play Beatles music. People wear Beatles wigs or take photos of themselves to (11) _____ from the band. It is a festive occasion (12) _____ hope to have fun, bring back the spirit of Beatlemania, and raise money for charity.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

The Beatles are probably the most (1) _____ band in music history. Beatles Day celebrates The Beatles' triumphant (2) _____ to their hometown, Liverpool, on 10 July 1964 from their first tour to the USA. It was also just in time for the (3) _____ of their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night". This day is considered one of the (4) _____ in their rise to (5) _____. Since 2008, its anniversary has been celebrated as Beatles Day in both Liverpool and Hamburg, the cities where the Fab Four started on the (6) _____ to stardom. There are other "Beatles Day" holidays. In the USA, it is on February the 27th to (7) _____ the beauty and peacefulness of the Beatles' music in time for spring. UNESCO (8) _____ January 16 as The Beatles Day in 2001.

fame
mark
return
landmarks
popular
declared
road
premiere

The official Beatles Day website says: "Beatles Day is an (9) _____ for the community of Liverpool to get together and celebrate the musical (10) _____ of The Beatles, with a variety of artists from different styles performing (11) _____ the day. It is also a chance to help (12) _____ money for the Beatles Day Foundation, which contributes money to various Liverpool charities." Bands from around the world (13) _____ in Liverpool and play Beatles music. People wear Beatles (14) _____ or take photos of themselves to copy the album covers from the band. It is a festive occasion on which the organisers (15) _____ to have fun, bring back the spirit of Beatlemania, and raise money for (16) _____.

throughout
wigs
opportunity
charity
gather
legacy
hope
raise

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

The Beatles are probably the most *common* / *popular* band in music history. Beatles Day celebrates The Beatles' *triumphant* / *triumph* return to their hometown, Liverpool, on 10 July 1964 from their first tour to the USA. It was also just in time for the *premier* / *premiere* of their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night". This day is *considering* / *considered* one of the landmarks in their rise to *fame* / *famous*. Since 2008, its anniversary has been *celebrated* / *celebration* as Beatles Day in both Liverpool and Hamburg, the cities where the Fab Four started on the *street* / *road* to stardom. There are other "Beatles Day" holidays. In the USA, it is on February the 27th to *market* / *mark* the beauty and peacefulness of the Beatles' music in *tempo* / *time* for spring. UNESCO *declared* / *declaration* January 16 as The Beatles Day in 2001.

The *official* / *officials* Beatles Day website says: "Beatles Day is an opportunity for the *commune* / *community* of Liverpool to get together and celebrate the musical *lethargy* / *legacy* of The Beatles, with a *variety* / *various* of artists from different styles performing throughout the day. It is also a *chance* / *chances* to help raise money for the Beatles Day Foundation, which contributes money *to* / *of* various Liverpool charities." Bands from around the world *together* / *gather* in Liverpool and play Beatles music. People wear Beatles *twigs* / *wigs* or take photos of themselves to copy the album covers from the band. It is a festive *occasionally* / *occasion* on which the organisers hope to have fun, bring back the *spirit* / *spirited* of Beatlemania, and raise money for charity.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The Beatles are probably the most (1) _____ band in music history. Beatles Day celebrates The Beatles' (2) _____ return to their hometown, Liverpool, on 10 July 1964 from their first (3) _____ to the USA. It was also just in time for the premiere of their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night". This day is considered one of the landmarks in their rise to (4) _____. Since 2008, its anniversary has been celebrated as Beatles Day in both Liverpool and Hamburg, the cities where the Fab Four started on the road to (5) _____. There are other "Beatles Day" holidays. In the USA, it is on February the 27th to mark the beauty and peacefulness of the Beatles' music in time for spring. UNESCO (6) _____ January 16 as The Beatles Day in 2001.

The official Beatles Day website says: "Beatles Day is an (7) _____ for the community of Liverpool to get together and celebrate the (8) _____ legacy of The Beatles, with a variety of artists from different styles performing throughout the day. It is also a chance to help (9) _____ money for the Beatles Day Foundation, which contributes money to (10) _____ Liverpool charities." Bands from around the world gather in Liverpool and play Beatles music. People wear Beatles wigs or (11) _____ photos of themselves to copy the album covers from the band. It is a festive occasion on which the organisers hope to have fun, bring back the (12) _____ of Beatlemania, and raise money for charity.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) common | (b) biggest | (c) ordinary | (d) popular |
| 2. | (a) triumphant | (b) triumphs | (c) triumph | (d) triumphing |
| 3. | (a) toured | (b) touring | (c) tour | (d) tourist |
| 4. | (a) famed | (b) fame | (c) famous | (d) infamy |
| 5. | (a) starring | (b) starred | (c) star | (d) stardom |
| 6. | (a) declared | (b) revelled | (c) originated | (d) combined |
| 7. | (a) chance | (b) opportunity | (c) opening | (d) operation |
| 8. | (a) musical | (b) musician | (c) musicality | (d) music |
| 9. | (a) up | (b) raise | (c) heighten | (d) increase |
| 10. | (a) variously | (b) virulent | (c) variety | (d) various |
| 11. | (a) took | (b) take | (c) taken | (d) taking |
| 12. | (a) spirit | (b) split | (c) sprite | (d) splinter |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. The Beatles' tmrtpuahni return to their hometown
2. the peeemirr of their first movie
3. one of the nmdsalrka in their rise to fame
4. the Fab Four started on the road to otmrsda
5. the beauty and clnfpeaussee of the Beatles' music
6. UNESCO ldercead January 16 as The Beatles Day

Paragraph 2

7. The loicaiff Beatles Day website
8. an ioopnttyrup for the community
9. the musical laeygc of The Beatles
10. inctsruoetb money
11. It is a festive ioncscao
12. raise money for iyarhct

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () time for the premiere of their first movie, "A Hard Day's Night". This day is considered one
- () money to various Liverpool charities." Bands from around the world gather in Liverpool
- () peacefulness of the Beatles' music in time for spring. UNESCO declared January 16 as The Beatles Day in 2001.
- () as Beatles Day in both Liverpool and Hamburg, the cities where the Fab Four started on the road
- () copy the album covers from the band. It is a festive occasion on which the organisers
- (**1**) The Beatles are probably the most popular band in music history. Beatles Day celebrates The Beatles' triumphant return
- () together and celebrate the musical legacy of The Beatles, with a variety of artists from different
- () hope to have fun, bring back the spirit of Beatlemania, and raise money for charity.
- () to stardom. There are other "Beatles Day" holidays. In the USA, it is on February the 27th to mark the beauty and
- () to their hometown, Liverpool, on 10 July 1964 from their first tour to the USA. It was also just in
- () and play Beatles music. People wear Beatles wigs or take photos of themselves to
- () of the landmarks in their rise to fame. Since 2008, its anniversary has been celebrated
- () styles performing throughout the day. It is also a chance to help raise money for the Beatles Day Foundation, which contributes
- () The official Beatles Day website says: "Beatles Day is an opportunity for the community of Liverpool to get

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. history popular band Probably in the music most.

2. to return triumphant Beatles' The hometown their.

3. in time for the premiere of their first movie Just.

4. of in to One landmarks rise the their fame.

5. 16 as The. Beatles Day in 2001 UNESCO declared January

6. of legacy musical the Celebrate Beatles The.

7. variety styles of performing artists from A different.

8. in around Liverpool the world Bands gather from.

9. wigs photos Beatles take themselves wear or of People.

10. and the Beatlemania money back of raise Bring spirit.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE BEATLES

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE BEATLES SURVEY

Write five questions about The Beatles in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about The Beatles. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about The Beatles. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about The Beatles. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.