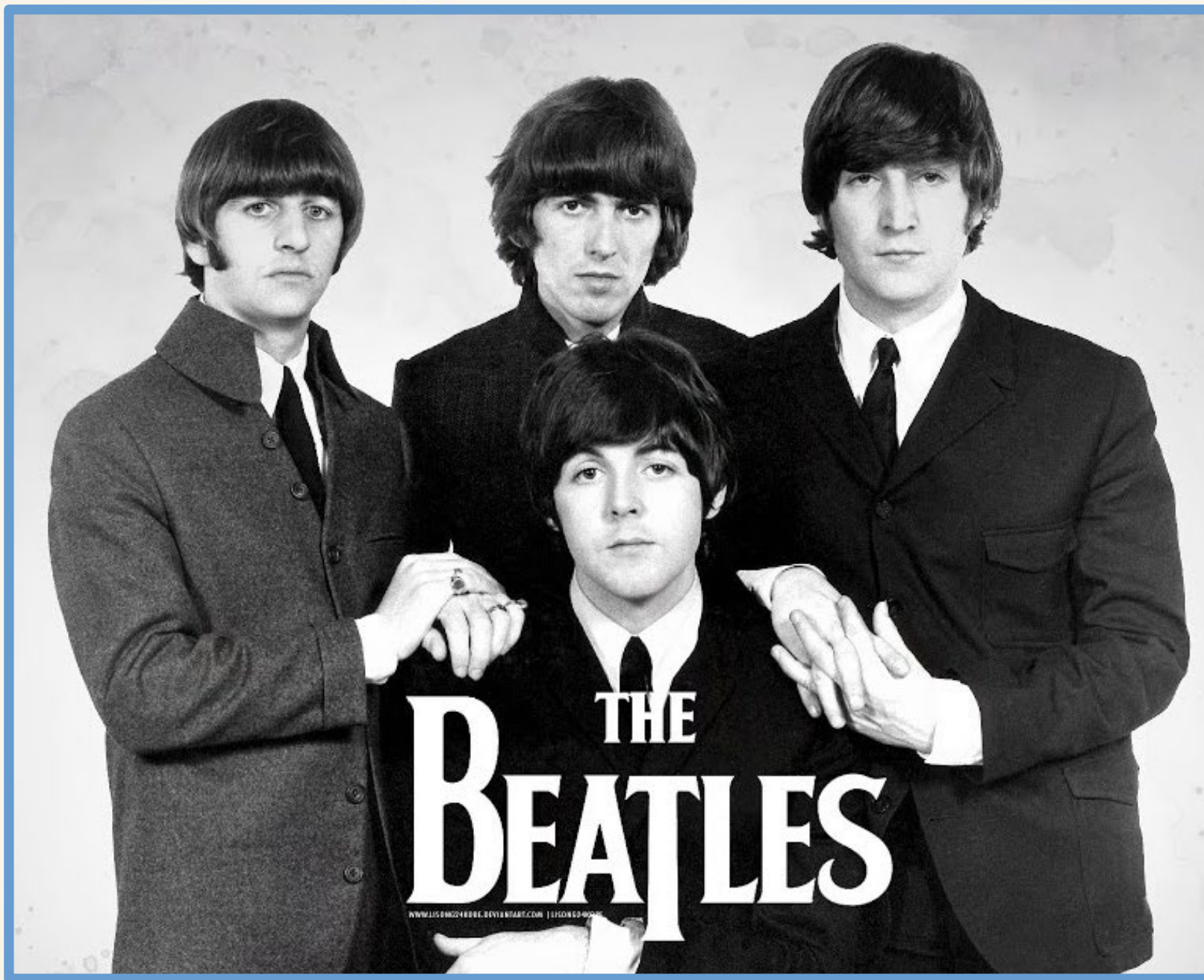




The Beatles

Composer of the Week





George Harrison was born on 25th February, 1943

John Lennon was born on 9th October, 1940

Paul McCartney was born on 18th June, 1942

Ringo Starr was born 7th July, 1940

All the members of the Beatles were born in Liverpool, in the UK.



George Harrison died on 29th November, 2001
in Los Angeles, in the U.S.A.

John Lennon died on 8th December, 1980 in
New York, in the U.S.A.

THE BEATLES



John Lennon



Paul
McCartney



George Harrison



Ringo Star

The Beatles are the best-selling music act of all time.

They still hold the record for the most Albums sold and the most singles in the UK.

John Lennon and Paul McCartney met while they were in school in Liverpool. George Harrison and Ringo Star joined later.

John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote most of the songs they recorded.

Listen to this song about

Penny Lane, in
Liverpool.

Can you hear an
instrument not usually
used in pop songs?

They were also known, transformed music in
the first pop group to become equally
well-known all over the world.

Their hits were between 1960 and 1970.

They were influenced by Elvis Presley and other American
Rock and Roll artists.

They became famous, first in this country, then Germany,
America and the rest of the world. Lennon and McCartney
wrote about the people and places they knew.



They had unique haircuts for the time and dressed very smartly.



They were one of the first pop groups to have thousands of enthusiastic fans, who followed them around, shouting and screaming as loudly as they could.

It was called...Beatlemania!



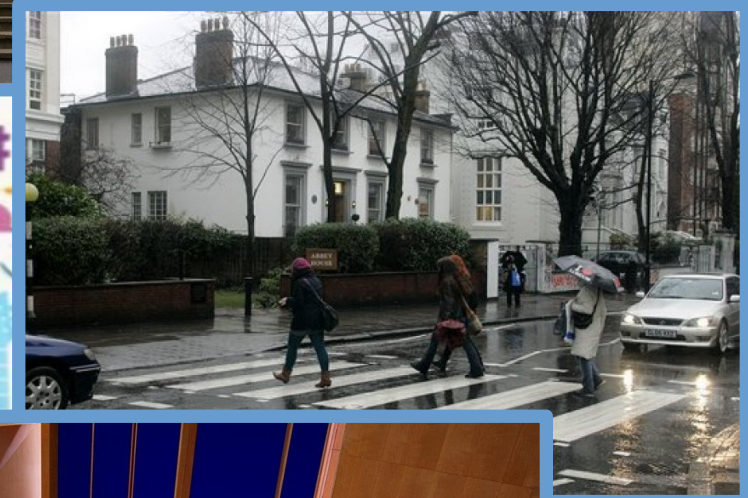
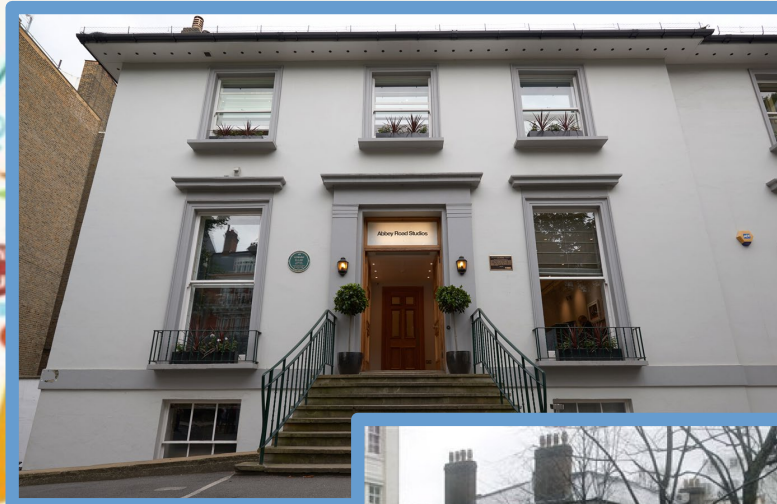
Listen to the violins
in this song...this is
classical music being
used in a pop song.

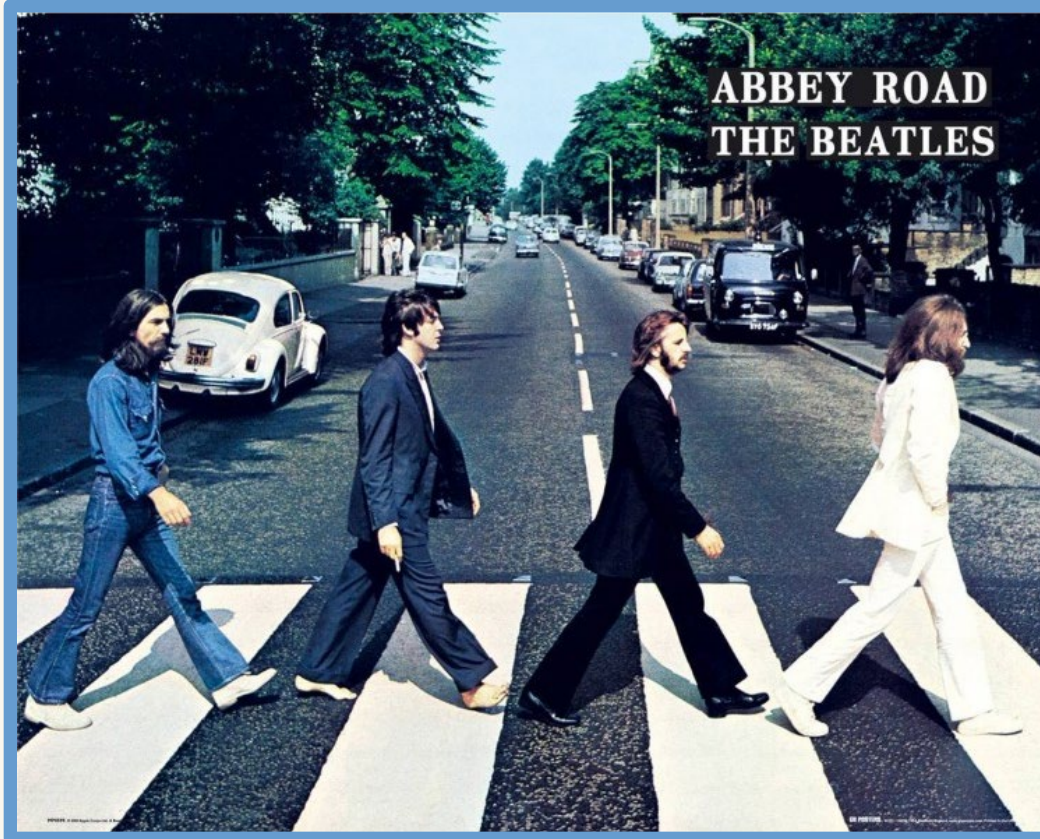
not changing, they used many instruments
not used before in pop music and many new
recording techniques.

They used organs, trumpets, sitar and other Indian
instruments and also stringed instruments. They recorded
birds and other every-day sounds, which they used in their
songs. Sometimes they played these recordings
backwards, sometimes at twice the speed.

They always worked with the same recording engineer,
George Martin, who helped them develop their style.

Most of their recordings were made in London at the Abbey Road Studios. This has been made a Historic Landmark by the government, so the building cannot be demolished. It is still used for recordings today.



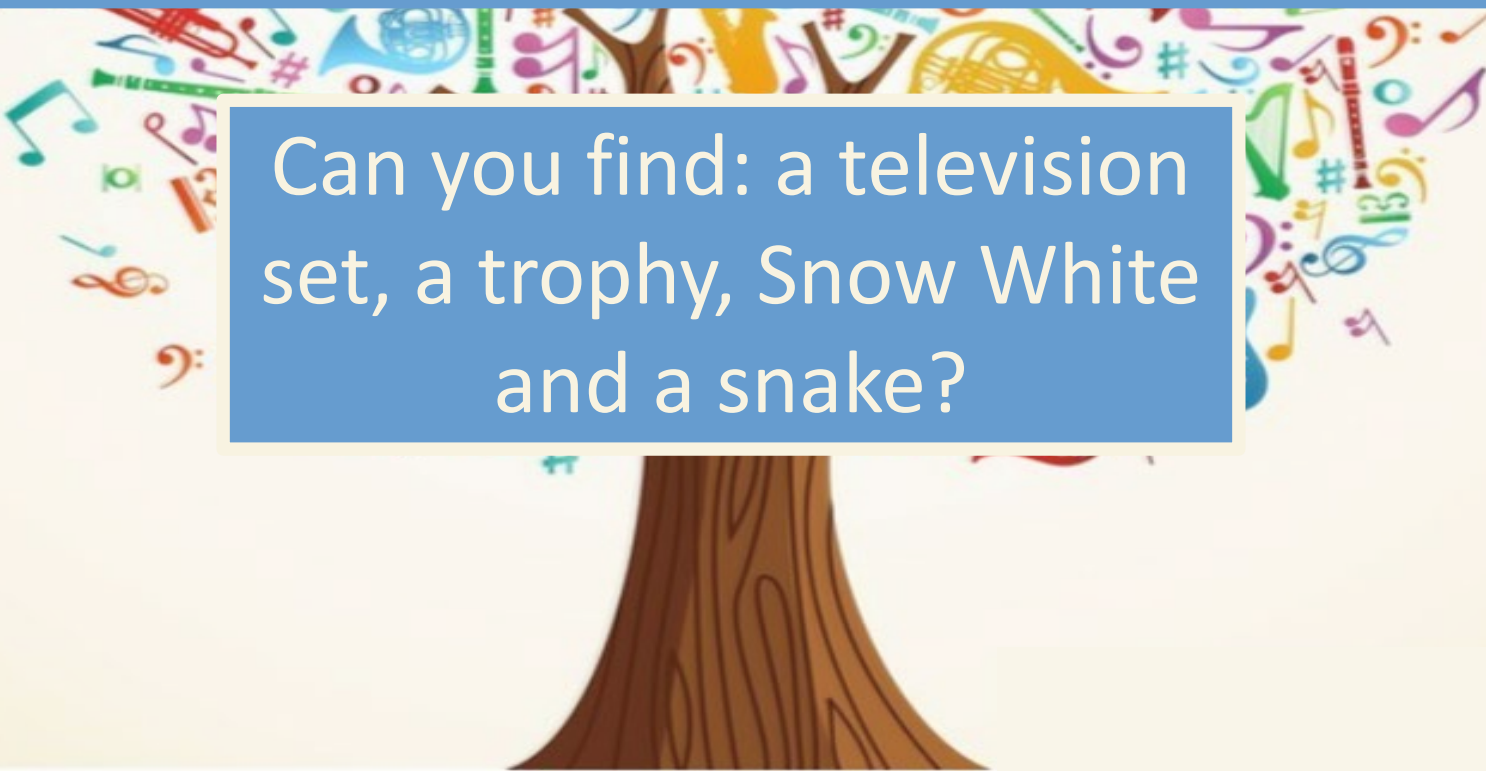


The Beatles not only devised new ways of composing and recording their music. They wanted the album covers to become works of art.

In 1969 the Beatles Recorded an album called Abbey Road. The cover shows them actually crossing Abbey Road, outside the studio.

This became so famous that to this day people hold up the traffic so they can be photographed like The Beatles.

The cover of the album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band uses nearly 90 cut out cardboard figures of important people from history and from the 1960's with some everyday items. They were people and things that were important to the group.



Can you find: a television set, a trophy, Snow White and a snake?





Life is very short, and there's no
time for fussing and fighting my
friends

— *John Lennon* —

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