

## **You have a new job!**

You have just been given a new job as a writer for Encarta, the famous CD-rom encyclopaedia. You need to write the copy for an entry on The Beatles for Encarta.

Here are some bullet points that might give you information to write your piece.

- The four members of the Beatles were George Harrison, John Lennon, Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney
- The group broke up in 1970
- John Lennon started a band called The Quarrymen in 1956, Paul McCartney joined in 1957, Harrison in 1958 and the group was first called The Beatles in 1960
- They were the most successful pop group ever
- Lennon and McCartney wrote and sang most of the songs
- They starred in two films “A Hard Day’s Night” in 1964 and “Help!” in 1965
- The Beatles music changed the direction of popular music more towards melody and away from being based mostly on a strong beat
- Brian Epstein became their manager in 1961, but in 1967 he died of an overdose
- Lennon, McCartney and Harrison all had success in their later musical careers after The Beatles split up.

Don’t forget you need to write in the form of a non-chronological report. If you are not sure about this your teacher has a prompt card to give you the details of this kind of writing.

Once you have written the copy you need to think about what else you would like to add to your entry. Encarta obviously has pictures, but it could also include a sound file (perhaps one of the Beatles songs) and sometimes clips of film.