

## 4 READING

a Read the text about John Lennon. Order the paragraphs 1–7.



### John Lennon and his sons

**A** On 8 December, 1980, one of John Lennon's fans shot him outside his apartment. Since then, both of his sons have become musicians. Julian Lennon has made six albums and Sean Lennon has sung and played bass guitar with a number of different bands. So far, however, neither of them have been as successful as their father.

**B** John Lennon was born in Liverpool on 9 October, 1940. His parents separated when he was five, so he went to live with an aunt and uncle. However, he stayed in contact with his mother, who played him Elvis Presley records and taught him how to play the banjo.

**C** Before The Beatles broke up in 1970, John met the Japanese artist, Yoko Ono, and he divorced his first wife. He left the band and continued making music both on his own and with Yoko. Their son, Sean, was born on 9 October, 1975 and John stayed at home to look after him.

**D** When John was 15, his mother bought him his first guitar. He formed his first band called The Quarrymen while he was still at school. When he left school, he started a course at Art College, but the band took up a lot of his time, so he didn't finish the course.

**E** The band released their first single 'Love Me Do' in October, 1962. They started touring the country. John married his first wife, Cynthia, in secret, and his first son, Julian, was born while they were away. Fans went mad wherever The Beatles played and all of their albums reached the number one spot in the charts.

**F I** The singer-songwriter and guitarist John Lennon is one of the greatest musicians of all time. Songs like *Give peace a chance* and *Imagine* made him famous all over the world.

**G** John met Paul McCartney at the second performance of The Quarrymen and he soon joined the band. Later, George Harrison joined them as lead guitarist. In 1960, they became The Beatles and they started looking for a drummer. Ringo Starr replaced their original drummer, Pete Best, in 1962.

b **Circle** the correct verb form in the questions.

- 1 When **was** / **has been** John Lennon born?
- 2 What **did his mother buy** / **has his mother bought** for him?
- 3 How long **were** / **have been** The Beatles together?
- 4 How **did John Lennon die** / **has John Lennon died**?
- 5 How many albums **did Julian Lennon make** / **has Julian Lennon made**?
- 6 Which instrument **did Sean Lennon play** / **has Sean Lennon played** with different bands?

c **Underline** five words you don't know. Use your dictionary to check their meaning and pronunciation.

## 5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a radio programme about the American actress and singer Judy Garland and her daughter, Liza Minnelli. How old were they when they first performed on stage?



b Listen again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Both women...

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| 1 were born in the USA.                         | T |
| 2 changed their names.                          | — |
| 3 started performing when they were very young. | — |
| 4 won Oscars.                                   | — |
| 5 sang together at the London Palladium.        | — |
| 6 had problems.                                 | — |
| 7 got married more than once.                   | — |
| 8 had three children.                           | — |

## USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| award /ə'wɔ:d/         | talented /'tæləntɪd/       |
| captain /'kæptɪn/      | be influenced by           |
| funeral /'fju:nərəl/   | /bi 'nfluənst baɪ/         |
| injure /'ɪndʒə/        | (follow in sb's) footsteps |
| eldest /'eldɪst/       | /'fɒtstɛps/                |
| respected /rɪ'spektɪd/ | form a band /fɔ:m ə bænd/  |