

### Example Reading Exercise 3

- You are going to read an article about John Lennon.
- Five sentences are missing.
- For questions 1-5 choose the correct sentence (A-F) for each gap.
- The first is an example and there is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

<b>A</b>	They became famous locally but it was in 1962, when Ringo Starr replaced Pete Best on drums, that <i>The Beatles</i> ' fame really began.
<b>B</b>	Over the next eight years he stayed at home to look after his son.
<b>C</b>	He was always a very good student.
<b>D</b>	When he was four years old, his parents separated and he went to live with his Aunt Mimi.
<b>E</b>	However, Lennon was not very happy as a Beatle and he later admitted that "Help!", the title for their second film, was written as a cry for help.
<b>F</b>	He had one son with her, Julian Lennon.
<b>G</b>	<del>"A man who once said he was more popular than Jesus"</del>

#### THE LIFE OF JOHN LENNON

More articles have been written about John Lennon than any other popular singer, including Elvis Presley. Let's take a closer look at the life of the most famous member of the most famous group ever – (0)\_\_\_G\_\_\_ .

John Winston Lennon was born in Liverpool during the Second World War, on 9th October 1940. In fact he was given the name Winston after the then Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. (1) \_\_\_\_\_. John used to get into trouble at school but he was intelligent and particularly good at art. After finishing school, he went to Art College.

While he was still at school, in 1955, John formed his first group "The Quarry Men" and two years later, during a local concert, he met Paul McCartney who he invited to join the group. In 1959 they changed the name to "The Beatles" and together with George Harrison and Pete Best they began playing at Liverpool's Cavern Club. (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Their first single "Love Me Do", co-written by Lennon and McCartney, was released on 11 September 1962. Their second single "Please Please Me" became their first number one and soon everybody in Britain knew the four Liverpudlians. They conquered America in 1964 and then the rest of the world.

John Lennon attracted the most attention, people saw him as the main creative force in the group. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

As for his private life, John had married Cynthia, a girl he met at Art College, in 1962, before The Beatles became famous. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ In 1966 he met Yoko Ono, a Japanese artist, and this meeting would change his life. He divorced Cynthia and married Yoko in 1969. A year later The Beatles announced their break up and many people blamed Yoko Ono – she had become the most hated woman in the world.

Now John was experimenting with new ideas and new musical forms and got very involved in the peace movement. Yoko and he organized scandalous protests such as a bed-in. During this time he wrote songs like "Imagine" and "Give Peace a Chance".

On his 35th birthday, when John and Yoko's son Sean was born, Lennon announced that he was retiring from public life. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ .

It wasn't until 1980 that Lennon produced a new album, "Double Fantasy" and said he would begin touring again. But this would never happen. John Winston Lennon was shot outside his own home by a madman, Mark David Chapman, and was dead by the time he arrived at the hospital. It was a great loss for music lovers all over the world but his memory and more importantly, his songs will live on forever.