

GENERAL ENGLISH

With Jonathan Rogers





TODAY'S VOCABULARY

set out



break through



set a record

honing (their) craft

raise a glass

to overcome a barrier, a limitation, or an obstacle and achieve success or recognition.

to start a journey, a project, or a goal with a specific purpose or intention.

to improve and perfect one's skills, abilities, or talents over time

to make a toast or celebrate a person, an event, or an achievement

to establish a new achievement or performance that exceeds previous ones



HOW THE BEATLES TOOK
THE WORLD BY STORM

In the early sixties, four lads from Liverpool set out to conquer the world with their music, wit, and charm. They had the talent, the charisma, and the audacity to create a sound and a style that would change the course of pop culture forever.



They started out playing in seedy clubs and pubs, honing their craft and developing their unique sound. They rocked, they rolled, they sang, and they swore. They loved and they laughed, they fought and they forgave. They were a band of brothers, with all the ups and downs that come with it.



But then, something magical happened. They broke through the barriers of language, geography, and culture. They became more than just a band; they became a phenomenon, a cultural force, a global sensation. They toured the world, played to millions of fans, and set records that still stand today.



How did they do it? They worked hard, they played hard, and they lived for the moment. They seized every opportunity, took every risk, and pushed every boundary. They didn't follow the rules; they made their own. They didn't care what anyone thought; they did what they felt.



They shook up the establishment, they challenged the status quo, and they dared to dream. They inspired a generation, and they continue to inspire us today. They showed us that music can be more than just entertainment; it can be a way of life.



So let's raise a glass to the Beatles, the Fab Four, the lads from Liverpool who took the world by storm. They may be gone, but their music lives on, and their spirit will never die.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In break out rooms, you will discuss with your group, and then feedback to the rest of the class.

Question 2: Do you think there are any modern bands or artists that have had a similar impact on pop culture?

Question 1: What do you think was the key to the Beatles' success? Was it their talent, their attitude, their image, or something else?

Question 3: How do you think the Beatles' story can inspire us in our own lives? What lessons can we learn from their journey and their music?

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Question 1: Have you ever set out to achieve a specific goal or purpose in your life? What was it, and how did you go about it?

Question 2: Have you ever honed your skills or talents in a particular area? How did you do it, and what did you learn from the experience?

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"The Beatles were the best thing that ever happened to music. They were far more than just a pop group – they were a cultural phenomenon that changed the course of history." - Mick Jagger.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement, and why?