

## Lesson 7. Learn more about music

1a. Look at the photos. Do you know the musicians? What do you think about their music?



1b. 🎧 Find the song “Yellow Submarine” on the Internet and listen to it. Fill in the missing words. Which of the musicians in ex. 1a performed it?

### Yellow Submarine<sup>1</sup>

In the town where I ... (1) born  
Lived a man who sailed to sea,  
And he told us of his ... (2)  
In the land of submarines.

So we sailed on to the ... (3)  
Till we found the sea of green,  
And we ... (4) beneath the waves  
In our yellow submarine.

We all live in a ... (5) submarine,  
Yellow submarine, yellow submarine.  
We all live in a ... (6) submarine,  
Yellow submarine, yellow submarine.

And our ... (7) are all aboard,  
Many more of them live next door.  
And the band begins to ... (8).

As we live a life of ease  
Every one of us has all we ... (9).  
Sky of blue, and sea of ... (10)  
In our yellow submarine.

<sup>1</sup> **submarine** [ˌsʌbməˈriːn] – подводная лодка

**1c. Work in three groups. Group A – read about *The Beatles*, group B – read about Robbie Williams, group C – read about Alexander Rybak. Answer the questions individually and write the answers.**

1. When did they become famous? 2. What are their best-known songs? 3. What interesting facts did you learn about the musicians?

## A. THE BEATLES

**T**he Beatles were John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. They were from Liverpool, the UK. They made their first record<sup>1</sup> in 1962, and in two years they became the most famous group in the world. Teenagers and their parents, everyone seemed to get crazy about *The Beatles* music, their clothes, hairstyle, even the way they talked. The musicians liked to experiment with the sound, and they recorded hundreds of great songs full of new kind of energy. They recorded 13 studio albums of 211 songs. Some of the most popular songs of the group were and still are *Let it be*, *Yesterday*, *Yellow Submarine*. After John Lennon was shot dead in a street in New York in 1980, *The Beatles* couldn't play together again, but they are still one of the most popular groups among people of all ages.

a record ['rekɔ:d] (n) – to record [rɪ'kɔ:d] (v)

## B. ROBBIE WILLIAMS

**R**obbie Williams started his musical career as a teenager in 1990 in the boy band *Take That*. The band split up in 1995, and Robbie decided to become a solo performer. His first solo single was *Freedom*, and his first album was *Life Thru a Lens*. It didn't sell very well at first, but success came suddenly, when the single *Angels* came out. *Angels* is still a hit. However, there are many more Robbie's songs that people all over the world admire, for example, *Rock DJ*, *She's the one*, *Rudebox*. Robbie spends a lot of time and money on charity<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>record ['rekɔ:d] – пластинка, аудио- или видеозапись; <sup>2</sup>charity ['tʃærəti] – благотворительность

helping the world's poorest people and the children of Haiti ['heɪti]. Today he is one of the most played artists of the last decade in the UK.

### C. ALEXANDER RYBAK

**T**oday Alexander Rybak is one of the most popular solo performers in Europe. Alexander Rybak was born on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1986 in Minsk. When he was five, his family of three moved from Belarus to Norway. His parents were both musicians, and teaching their son to play the violin and the piano was the most natural thing for them.

His success came to him after his amazing victory at Eurovision ['jʊərəvɪʒn] in 2009 at the 54<sup>th</sup> Eurovision song contest in Moscow, Russia. He finished the contest with a grand total of 387 points, breaking all records. Alexander sang *Fairytale*, the song he wrote walking in the mountains on the Norwegian west coast, the song inspired<sup>1</sup> by Norwegian folk music. *Fairytale* became a hit in Europe.

After his victory in Eurovision 2009, Alexander Rybak did not end his connection with Eurovision. In 2014, the musician composed *Still Here* for Franklin Halley, a Eurovision Song Contestant from Malta. In 2015, Alexander prepared a Belarusian group “Milki” for the Belarusian Eurovision selection contest with a song called *Accent*. This composition came fourth in the contest.

At the beginning of 2018, Alexander was chosen to represent Norway in the Eurovision Song Contest for the second time. In the second semi-final on 10 May in Lisbon, Portugal, Alexander Rybak was number one among eighteen participating countries. On 12 May 2018 Alexander Rybak came 15<sup>th</sup> with the song *That's How You Write a Song* in the Eurovision final.

Alexander's life is filled with music – events, concerts, projects, shows and performances. In 2015, the Norwegian musician took part in the *One-to-One* transformation show in Russia, where he won the second place.

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<sup>1</sup> **inspire** [ɪn'spaɪə] – вдохновлять

One of his latest songs (2021) is *Stay* which he performed with Sirusho, an Armenian singer and songwriter. Today Alexander Rybak has more than a million followers on social media. It must be so because his songs are melodious, full of light, magic, kindness and positivity.

**1d. Compare your answers with the partners in your group (A, B or C).**

**1e. Form new groups of three people: one person from group A, one – from group B, one – from group C.**

**2. Which facts did you like most? Why? Is there anything you want to learn more about?**

**3.  Who is your favourite singer? Use questions from ex. 1c to speak about them.**

**4.  Write about your favourite singer or group. What interesting facts do you know about the musicians?**

#### HELP BOX

My favourite singer / group is ... . He / She / They started singing / playing ... . He / She / They sing / plays ... . He / She / They became famous in ... with ... . His / Her / Their best song / album / concert is ... .

## Lesson 8. Be a radio DJ for 5 minutes

**1a. Look at the photos of people at work. What do they have in common?**



club DJ



radio DJ



party DJ



mobile ['məʊbaɪl] DJ