

Imagine by John Lennon & The Plastic Ono Band

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOgFzFRVaww>

According to [Wikipedia](#), "'Imagine' is a song by the English rock musician [John Lennon](#) from his 1971 [album of the same name](#). The best-selling single of his solo career, the lyrics encourage listeners to imagine a world of peace, without [materialism](#), without borders separating nations and without [religion](#). Shortly before his [death](#), Lennon said that much of the song's lyrics and content came from his wife, [Yoko Ono](#), and in 2017 she received co-writing credit."

The song was co-produced "with [Phil Spector](#), who commented on the track: 'We knew what we were going to do ... It was going to be John making a political statement, but a very commercial one as well ... I always thought that 'Imagine' was like the national anthem.' Lennon described his working arrangement with Ono and Spector: 'Phil doesn't arrange or anything like that—[Ono] and Phil will just sit in the other room and shout comments like, 'Why don't you try this sound' or 'You're not playing the piano too well' ... I'll get the initial idea and ... we'll just find a sound from [there].'"

There is a certain irony that the video here shows Yoko Ono and John playing the song, in a large, empty mansion... with no people to imagine. Yoko Ono is also very passively represented. We know now that Lennon was a violent man, and Spector went to jail for murder. But the beauty of the song remains.

<p>Imagine there's no heaven It's easy if you try No hell below us Above us, only sky Imagine all the people Livin' for today Ah</p> <p>Imagine there's no countries It isn't hard to do Nothing to kill or die for And no religion, too Imagine all the people Livin' life in peace You</p>	<p>You may say I'm a dreamer But I'm not the only one I hope someday you'll join us And the world will be as one</p> <p>Imagine no possessions I wonder if you can No need for greed or hunger A brotherhood of man Imagine all the people Sharing all the world You</p>	<p>You may say I'm a dreamer But I'm not the only one I hope someday you'll join us And the world will live as one</p> <p>Livin' = living. In spoken, slang English it is common to drop the "g" in "-ing". Greed = wanting to have more and more Hunger = not having food Brotherhood = fraternity To live as one = to live together as a whole</p>
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Quiz about John Lennon generated largely by ChatGPT-4 (16 January 2024).

1. In what year was John Lennon born?
2. What was John Lennon's full name at birth?
3. Which city was John Lennon born in?
4. What was the name of John Lennon's first band, formed before The Beatles?
5. In which city did the Beatles get their first, big break?
6. Who was John Lennon's first wife?
7. Which album, released in 1967, features in songs like "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds"?
8. Which famous song by John Lennon was released in 1971 and is a protest song against the Vietnam War?
9. In which iconic New York City building did John Lennon live during the later years of his life?
10. In what year was John Lennon tragically assassinated?

Answers: 1/ 1940; 2/John Winston Lennon; 3/ Liverpool; 4/ The Quarrymen; 5/ In Hamburg at the Star Club; 6/ Cynthia Lennon (née Powell); 7/ "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"; 8/ "Give Peace a Chance"; 9/ The Dakota; 10/ 1980.