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The evolution of western pop music
西方流行乐坛过去 50 年的发展

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研究人员在对 2010 年前五十年的流行乐的发展进行了一番分析后发现了流行乐的三次进化发展过程。这支由伦敦大学玛丽皇后学院和伦敦帝国理工学院人员组成的研究队伍共对曾经登上美国排行榜的一万七千首歌曲进行了分析并追溯了 Blues 蓝调的衰落、Disco 迪斯科的起源和 Hip Hop 嬉哈的诞生。以下是 Rebecca Morelle 的报道。

The researchers say the first pop **revolution** happened in 1964, with British fans from The Beatles to The Who bringing a **radical** change of sound.

They came to this conclusion after analysing the **harmonies**, chords and tones of songs that appeared in the US charts between 1960 and 2000.

New technology, **synth-samplers** and drum machines, drove a second major **style-shift** in 1983, while the third started in the early 90s when hip-hop and rap went **mainstream**.

The researchers found that music continues to **evolve** and change, apart from in the 1980s when the **dominance** of **arena rock** kept everything sounding the same.

Questions

1. Which two bands, named in the report, were popular in the first pop revolution?
2. Which country's music charts did the researchers look at for this study?
3. According to the report, there have been three revolutions in pop music. Which does hip-hop belong to: first, second or third?
4. Which phrase in the article means 'except for'?

Vocabulary and definitions

revolution	发展，进化
radical	彻底的，根本的
harmonies	（复数）和声
synth-samplers	（复数）合成器采样器
style-shift	风格的转变
mainstream	主流
evolve	演变，发展
dominance	绝对统治（地位）
arena rock	舞台摇滚

Answers to the questions:

1. Which two bands, named in the report, were popular in the first pop revolution?
Answer: The Beatles and The Who.
2. Which country's music charts did the researchers look at for this study?
Answer: The US.
3. According to the report, there have been three revolutions in pop music. Which does hip-hop belong to: first, second or third?
Answer: The third revolution, in the early 90s.
4. Which phrase in the article means 'except for'?
Answer: Apart from.