**a** Listen to the song. There is one extra word in each line. Cross it out.

## Wouldn't it be nice

Wouldn't it be nice if we were much older
Then we wouldn't have to wait for so long
And wouldn't it be nice to both live together
In the kind of world where we really belong

- You know it's going to make it all that much better
  When we can say goodnight darling and stay together
  - Wouldn't it be nice if we could always wake up In the early morning when the day is new And after having spent the whole day together
- Hold each other close the whole long night through Happy times together that we've been spending I wish that every little kiss was never-ending Wouldn't it be very nice
  - Maybe if we think and wish and hope and pray it might all come true
- 15 Baby then there wouldn't be a single little thing we couldn't do

Maybe we could be married

And then we'd be really happy

Wouldn't it be so nice

You know it seems the more we talk about it together

20 It only makes it much worse to live without it

But let's talk about it now

Wouldn't it be really nice

a single thing = one thing



**b** Listen again and read the song with the glossary. Do you think the singers are optimistic, pessimistic, or realistic about the future?

## Glossary

belong = to be part of the whole day = all the day hold = have something in your hand(s) / arms wish = to want something that can't happen now pray = ask God for something

## Song facts

Wouldn't it be nice was written by Brian Wilson of the American group The Beach Boys, who recorded the song in 1966 on their album Pet Sounds This song, and others on the album, had an important influence on other pop artists, including the Beatles and Pink Floyd In a UK music magazine, Pet Sounds was recently voted the greatest album of all time