

# LEARNING ENGLISH WITH SONGS



Vocabulary  
Speaking  
Listening  
Writing  
Reading

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# INTRODUCTION

Everybody likes to listen to songs. Have you ever thought about it will be useful for you to learn English? This book was prepared for you to learn English by lyrics. I have a good new, there is no grammatical item in this book! I just want you to learn English in a fun way. After seeing the activities in the book, you will understand how fun English learning is. I even made a video about it! Go to link to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZqpzScLD4M> If you want to listen it from Britney Spears, go to <http://tinyurl.com/y9sx3djr> So, let's have fun! :)

# WHICH SONGS WILL WE USE?



# THEME 1: VOCABULARY WITH SONGS

SONGS ARE BENEFICIAL TO  
LEARN NEW WORDS. IN THIS  
UNIT, WE WILL LEARN NEW  
WORDS WITH "FALLING TO  
PIECES" BY SIA, "RUSSIAN  
ROULETTE" BY RIHANNA AND  
"PARADISE" BY COLDPLAY..  
READ THE LYRICS AND TRY  
TO UNDERSTAND THE  
WORDS' MEANING. THEN  
WE'LL DO EXERCISES. GOOD  
LUCK :)



# SIA- FALLING TO PIECES

A shot in the dark

A past lost in space

Where do I start?

The past and the chase

You hunted me down

Like a wolf, a predator

I felt like a deer in the lights

You loved me and I froze in time

Hungry for that flesh of mine

But I can't compete with the she

wolf who has brought me to my

knees

What do you see in those yellow

eyes?

'Cause I'm falling to pieces

I'm falling to pieces

I'm falling to pieces

I'm falling to pieces

Falling to pieces

Did she lie and wait

Was I bait, to pull you in

The thrill of the kill

You feel, is a sin

I lay with the wolves

Alone, it seems

I thought I was part of you

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<https://www.youtube.com>

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# RIHANNA- RUSSIAN ROULETTE

Take a breath, take it deep  
Calm yourself, he says to me  
If you play, you play the key  
Take the gun, and count to three  
I'm sweating now, I'm moving  
slow  
No time to think, my turn to go  
And you can see my heart,  
beating,  
You can see it through my chest  
I'm terrified but I'm not leaving,  
no  
I know that I must pass this  
test

So just pull the trigger (trigger,  
trigger, trigger)

Say a prayer, to yourself

He says, close your eyes

Sometimes it helps

And then I get, a scary thought

That he's here, means he's never lost

As my life flashes before my eyes

I'm wondering will I, ever see

another sunrise?

So many won't get the chance to say  
goodbye

But it's too late to think of the  
value of my life

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/watch?v=ZQ2nCGawrSY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQ2nCGawrSY)

# COLDPLAY- PARADISE

When she was just a girl she  
expected the world

But it flew away from her reach  
So she ran away in her sleep and  
dreamed of

Para-para-paradise, para-para-  
paradise, para-para-paradise

Every time she closed her eyes

When she was just a girl she  
expected the world

But it flew away from her reach  
and the bullets catch in her teeth  
Life goes on, it gets so heavy

The wheel breaks the butterfly  
every tear a waterfall

In the night the stormy night  
she'll close her eyes

In the night the stormy night  
away she'd fly

And dream of para-para-  
paradise

Para-para-paradise

Para-para-paradise

She'd dream of para-para-  
paradise

Para-para-paradise

Para-para-paradise

La-la-la-la-la-la-la

La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la

And so lying underneath those  
stormy skies

She'd say, "Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh  
I know the sun must set to  
rise"

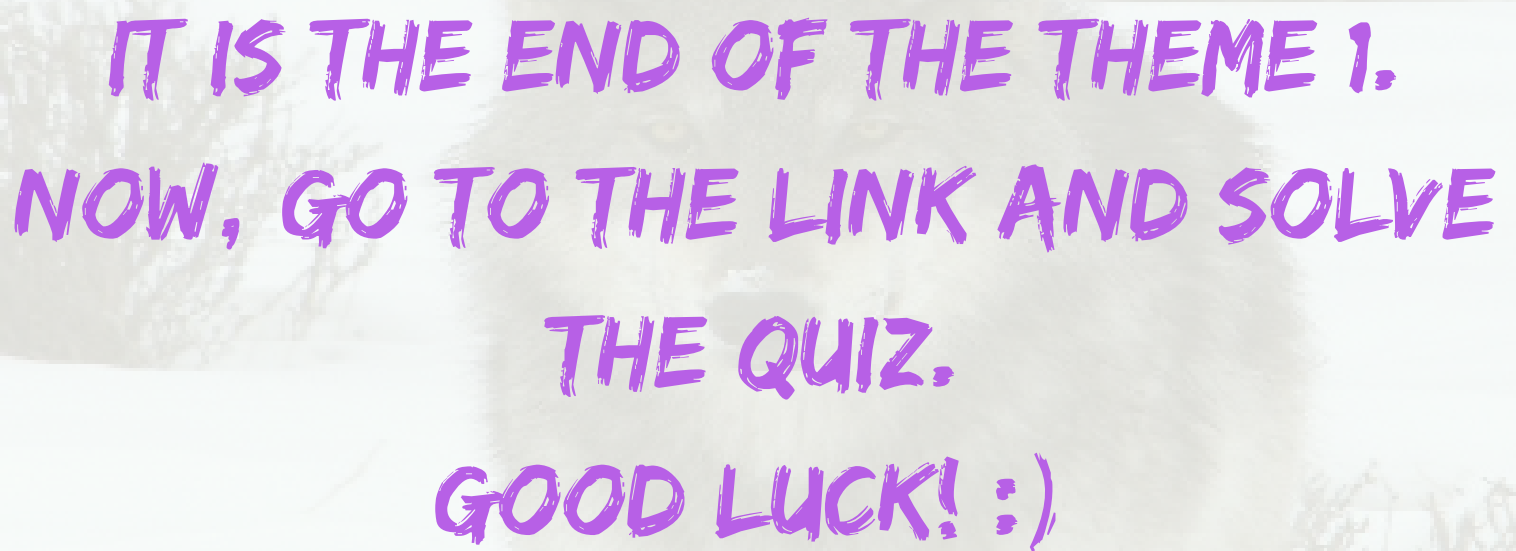
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paradise

Para-para-paradise

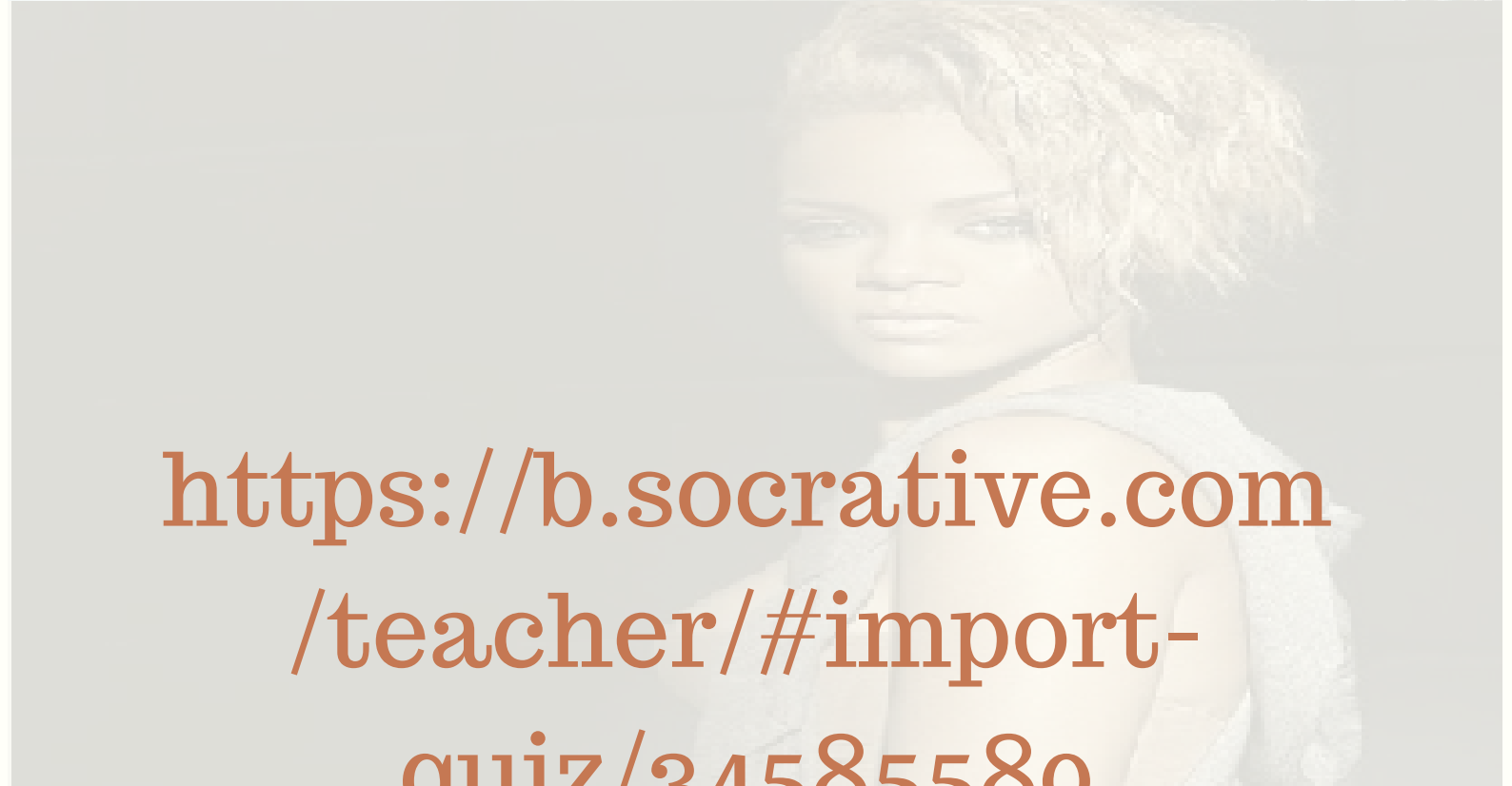
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Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

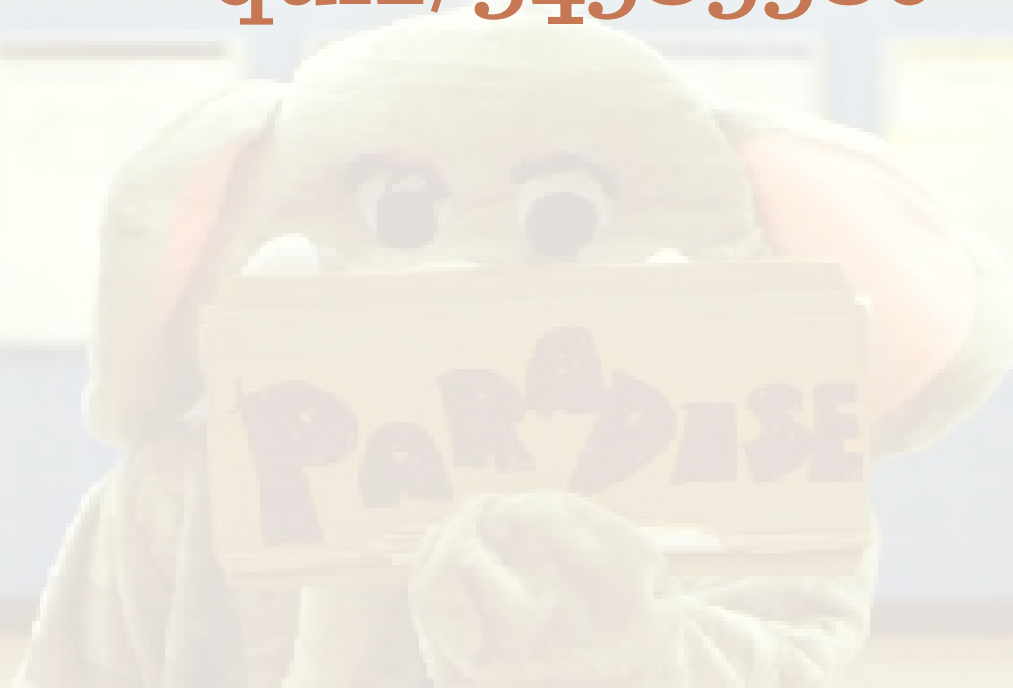
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IT IS THE END OF THE THEME 1.  
NOW, GO TO THE LINK AND SOLVE  
THE QUIZ.  
GOOD LUCK! :)



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# THEME 2: SPEAKING WITH SONGS

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THAT SONGS  
ARE PERFECT FOR SPEAKING? IN  
THIS THEME, WE'LL DO SPEAKING  
ACTIVITY AND USE LYRICS TO DO IT.  
WE'LL USE "SOMEWHERE ONLY WE  
KNOW" BY KEANE AND DISCUSS A  
STORY WHICH WAS WRITTEN WITH  
LYRICS OF THIS SONG. GOOD LUCK!

☺)

# KEANE- SOMEWHERE ONLY WE KNOW

I walked across an empty land

I knew the pathway like the back of  
my hand

I felt the earth beneath my feet

Sat by the river, and it made me  
complete

Oh, simple thing, where have you  
gone?

I'm getting old, and I need something  
to rely on

So tell me when you're gonna let me  
in

I'm getting tired, and I need  
somewhere to begin

I came across a fallen tree  
I felt the branches of it looking  
at me

Is this the place we used to  
love?

Is this the place that I've been  
dreaming of?

Oh, simple thing, where have you  
gone?

I'm getting old, and I need  
something to rely on

So tell me when you're gonna let  
me in

I'm getting tired, and I need  
somewhere to begin

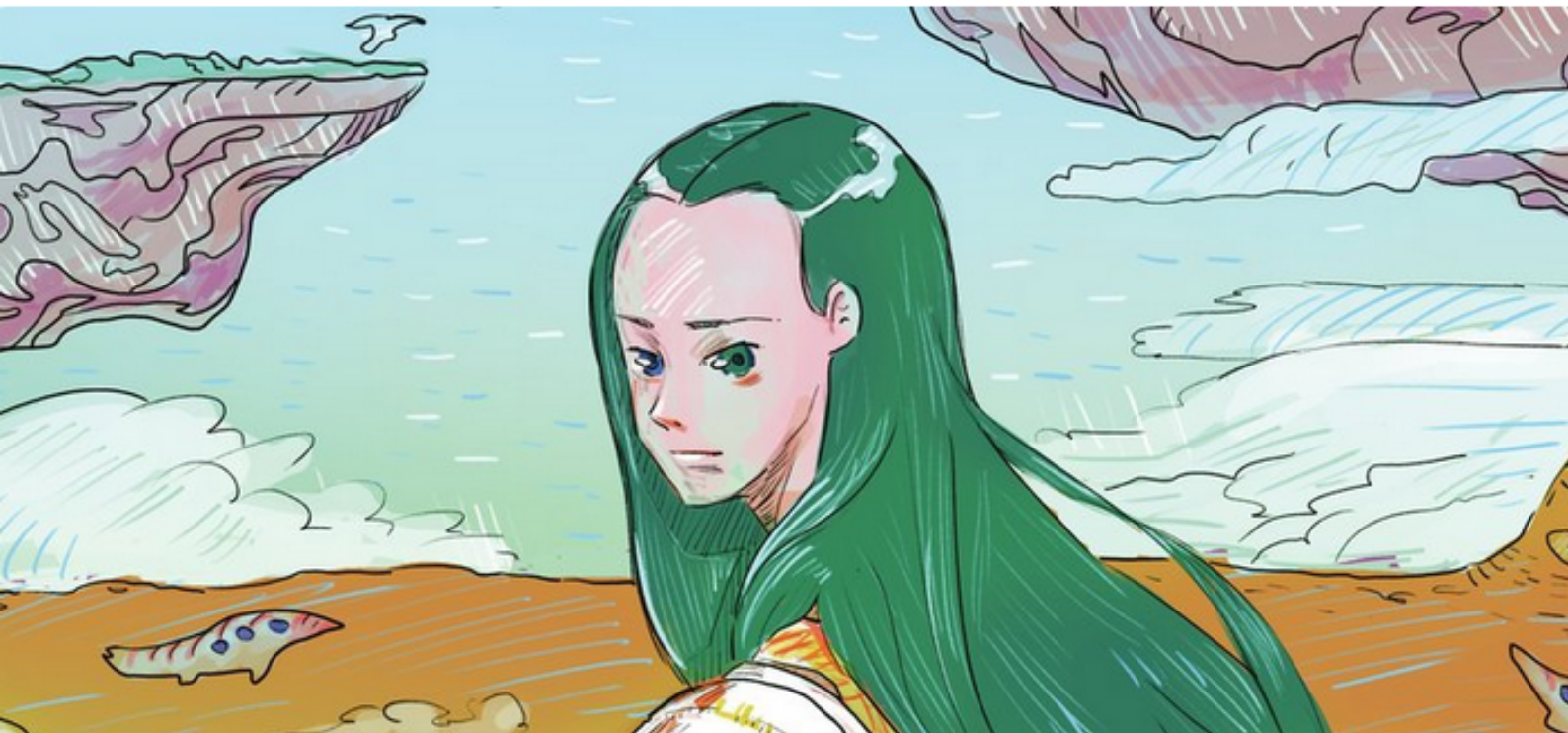
And if you have a minute, why  
don't we go  
Talk about it somewhere only we  
know?

This could be the end of everything  
So why don't we go  
Somewhere only we know?

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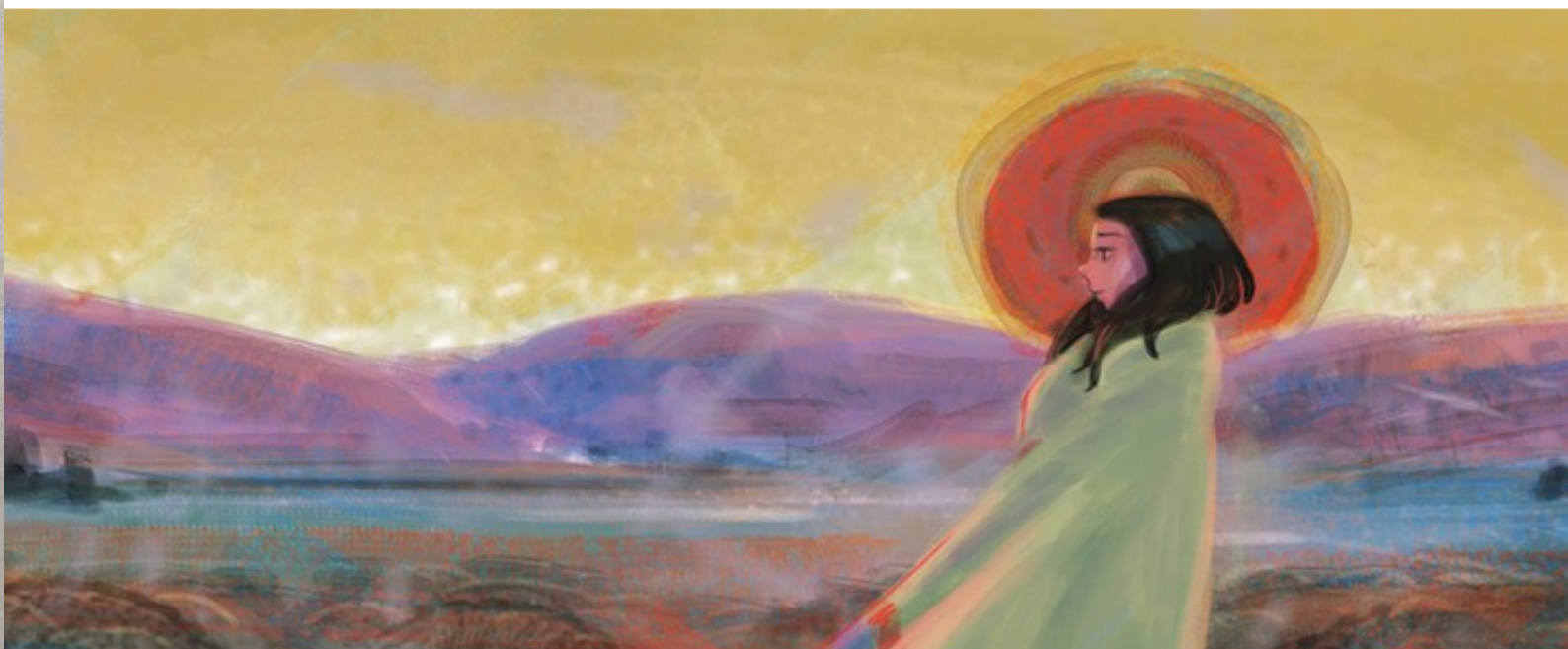
There is a story which was written with the lyrics of "Somewhere Only We Know". Read the story and discuss the questions.

Once upon a time, there was an upset girl. She knew the pathway like the back of her hand.



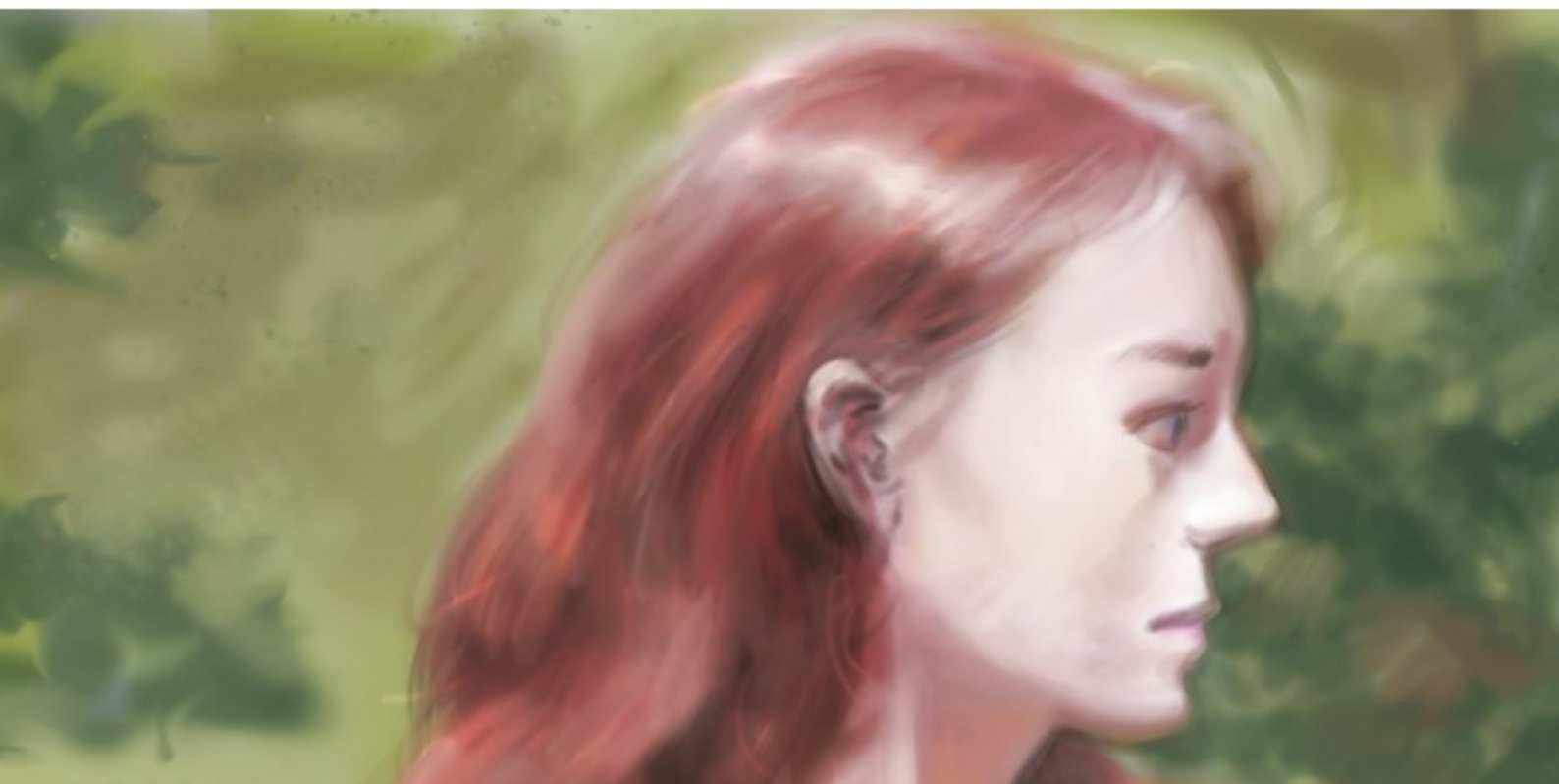
She felt the earth beneath her feet.

She sat by the river, and it made her complete. She was questioning the world a lot.





She was getting old and she needed somewhere to begin. She came across a fallen tree. She felt the branches looking at her.



She said “Is this the place we used to love? Is this the place that I’ve been dreaming of?” Because she saw the love of her life, a man that someone to rely on.





She also said “And if you have a minute, why don’t we go? Talk about it somewhere only we know?” She was sure that this place was somewhere only they know.

“This could be the end of everything. So why don’t we go somewhere only we know?” she said. It was the somewhere to begin. And they lived happily after.





# Discuss

How was the story? Did you like it?

Do you think that lyrics was used correctly? Why?

Which lyrics of the song would you add to the story? Why?

What is the "simple thing" that goes on constantly in the story?

Did you like the end of the story? Why?

What does the phrase "Somewhere Only We Know" evoke to you?

What kind of story would write with these lyrics?



# THEME 3: LISTENING WITH SONGS

IN THIS THEME, WE'LL DO LISTENING EXERCISES. NOW, I'LL GIVE YOU THE LYRICS OF "FIREWORK" BY KATY PERRY AND "WHATAYA WANT FROM ME" BY ADAM LAMBERT, BUT THERE WILL BE BLANKS AND I WON'T GIVE ALL THE LYRICS OF THE SONGS. YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO SONGS AND FILL-IN THE BLANKS. GOOD LUCK!

:)

# KATY PERRY- FIREWORK

Do you ever \_\_\_ like a plastic bag

Drifting thought the \_\_\_

Wanting to start \_\_\_

Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin

Like a \_\_\_ of cards

One blow from caving in

Do you ever feel \_\_\_ buried deep

Six feet under scream

But no one seems to hear a \_\_\_,

Do you know that there's still a \_\_\_ for  
you

'Cause there's a spark in you

You just gotta ignite the light

And let it \_\_\_

Just own the night  
Like the Fourth of July'  
Cause baby you're a firework  
Come on \_\_\_\_'em what your worth  
Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh!"  
As you \_\_\_\_ across the sky-y-y  
Baby you're a firework  
Come on let your \_\_\_\_ burst  
Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh!"  
You're gonna leave 'em fallin' down down  
down

To listen to this song:  
[https://www.youtube.com  
/watch?v=KLc5qNAzLaM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLc5qNAzLaM)

# ADAM LAMBERT- WHATAYA WANT FROM ME

Hey, \_\_\_ it down

What do you want from me

What do you want from me

Yeah, I'm \_\_\_

What do you want from me

What do you want from me

There might have been a time

I would give \_\_\_ away

(Ooh) \_\_\_ upon a time

I didn't \_\_\_ a damn

But \_\_\_ here we are

So what do you want from me

What do you want from me

Just don't \_\_\_\_ up

I'm \_\_\_\_ it out

Please don't give in

I won't let you \_\_\_\_

It \_\_\_\_ me up, need a second to  
breathe

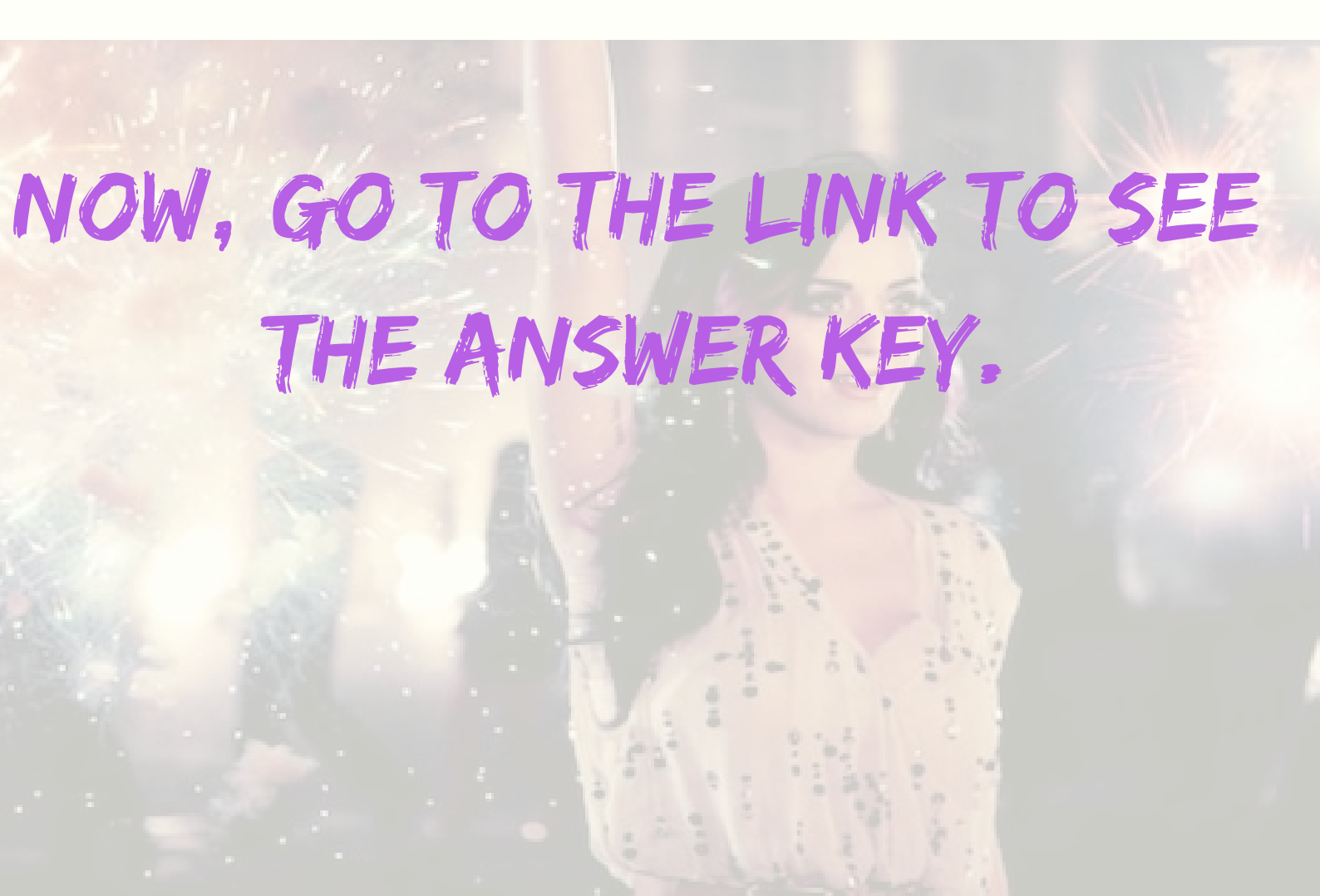
Just keep coming around

Hey, what do you want from me

What do you want from me

To listen to this song:

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NOW, GO TO THE LINK TO SEE  
THE ANSWER KEY.



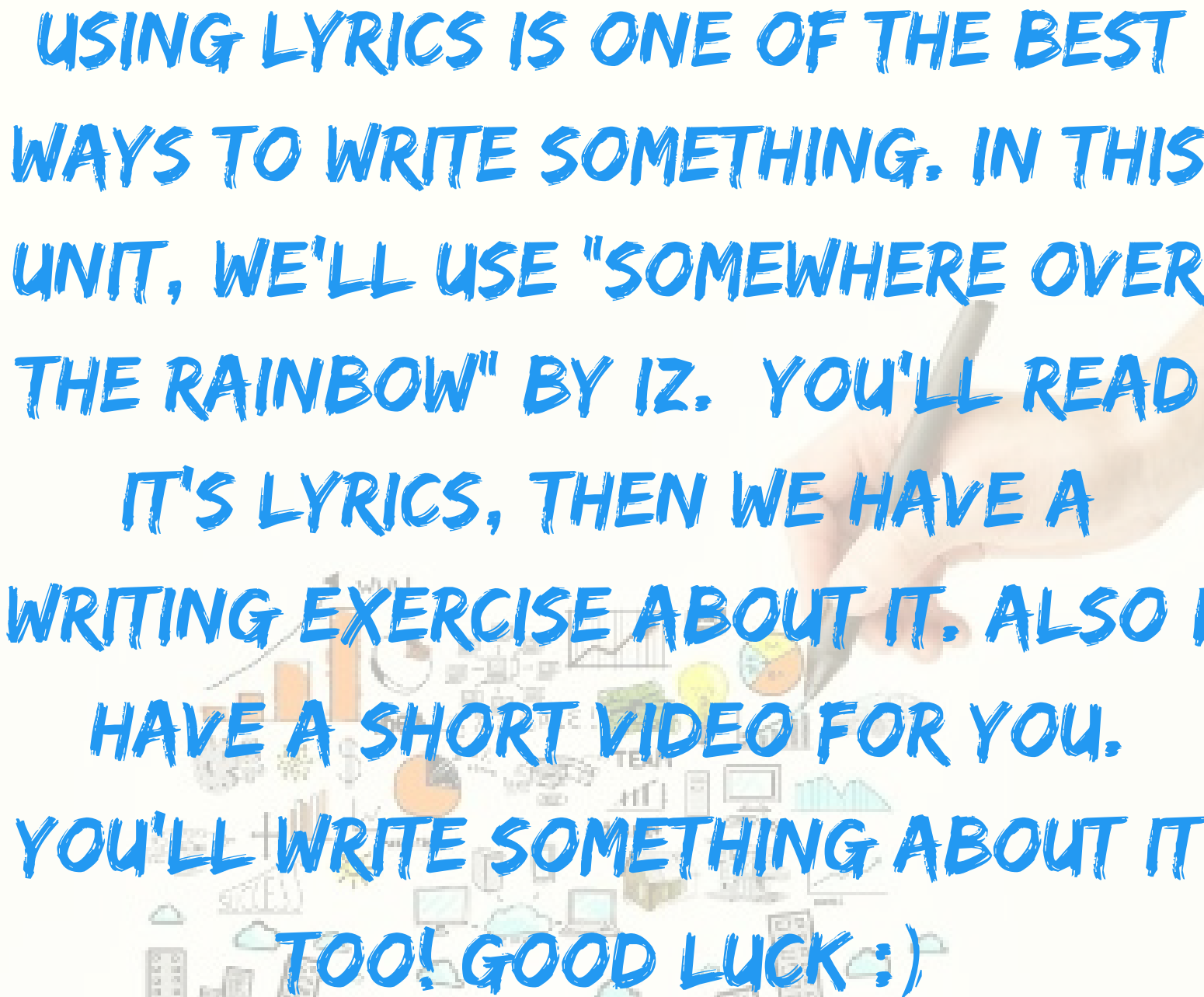
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ADAM  
LAMBERT  
WHAT I WANT FROM ME

# THEME 4: WRITING WITH SONGS

USING LYRICS IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO WRITE SOMETHING. IN THIS UNIT, WE'LL USE "SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW" BY IZ. YOU'LL READ IT'S LYRICS, THEN WE HAVE A WRITING EXERCISE ABOUT IT. ALSO I HAVE A SHORT VIDEO FOR YOU. YOU'LL WRITE SOMETHING ABOUT IT TOO! GOOD LUCK :)

The background of the image is a light cream color. It features a faint, artistic illustration. At the top right, a hand is shown holding a pen, as if writing. Below this, there are various icons and symbols including a bar chart, a pie chart, a lightbulb, and a computer monitor. At the bottom, there is a stylized city skyline with several skyscrapers. In the foreground, an open book is visible, with its pages slightly curved as if being turned.

# IZ- SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up  
high

And the dreams that you dream of,  
once in a lullaby

Somewhere over the rainbow, blue  
birds fly

And the dreams that you dream of,  
dreams really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star

Wake up where the clouds are far  
behind me.

Where trouble melts like lemon drops,  
High above the chimney top,  
That's where you'll find me.



Somewhere over the rainbow,  
bluebirds fly

And the dream that you dare to  
Why, oh why can't I?

I see trees of green, red roses  
too

I watch them bloom for me and  
you

And I think to myself, what a  
wonderful world

Well I see skies of blue, and I  
see clouds of white

The brightness of day, I like the  
dark

And I think to myself, what a  
wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow, so  
pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces of people  
passing by  
I see friends shakin' hands, sayin'  
'How do you do?'  
They're really say I, I love you  
I hear babies cryin', and I watch  
them grow  
They'll learn much more than we'll  
know  
And I think to myself, what a  
wonderful world

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2-) There is a video about the importance of songs in ELT.

Watch the video and write what you think about the video and send e-mail to me.. You can write anything you want, just run your imagination! :) Use the link below to watch it. Good luck!:)

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1a5Z2utopR\\_uofPW-Q2oXWhP-vvgDWT\\_h](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1a5Z2utopR_uofPW-Q2oXWhP-vvgDWT_h)

# THEME 5: READING WITH SONGS

READING THE LYRICS OF THE SONGS IS BENEFICIAL TO DEVELOP READING SKILLS. IN THIS THEME, WE'LL USE "7 YEARS" BY LUKAS GRAHAM. THIS SONG IS LIKE A STORY. YOU'LL READ THE LYRICS AND SOLVE THE QUIZ ABOUT IT. GOOD LUCK! :)

# LUKAS GRAHAM- 7 YEARS

Once I was seven years old my  
momma told me

Go make yourself some friends  
or you'll be lonely

Once I was seven years old

It was a big big world, but we  
thought we were bigger

Pushing each other to the limits,  
we were learning quicker

By eleven smoking herb and  
drinking burning liquor

Never rich so we were out to  
make that steady figure

Once I was eleven years old my  
daddy told me



Go get yourself a wife or you'll  
be lonely

Once I was eleven years old  
I always had that dream like my  
daddy before me

So I started writing songs, I  
started writing stories  
Something about that glory just  
always seemed to bore me

'Cause only those I really love  
will ever really know me

Once I was twenty years old, my  
story got told

Before the morning sun, when life  
was lonely

Once I was twenty years old

I only see my goals, I don't believe in failure

'Cause I know the smallest voices, they can make it major

I got my boys with me at least those in favor

And if we don't meet before I leave, I hope I'll see you later

Once I was twenty years old, my story got told

I was writing about everything, I saw before me

Once I was twenty years old

Soon we'll be thirty years old, our songs have been sold

We've traveled around the world and we're still roaming

Soon we'll be thirty years old



I'm still learning about life  
My woman brought children for  
me

So I can sing them all my songs  
And I can tell them stories  
Most of my boys are with me  
Some are still out seeking glory  
And some I had to leave behind  
My brother I'm still sorry  
Soon I'll be sixty years old, my  
daddy got sixty-one  
Remember life and then your life  
becomes a better one

I made a man so happy when I  
wrote a letter once  
I hope my children come and  
visit, once or twice a month  
Soon I'll be sixty years old, will I  
think the world is cold  
Or will I have a lot of children  
who can warm me  
Soon I'll be sixty years old

To listen to this song:  
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LUKAS GRAHAM

**GO TO THE LINK AND  
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.  
GOOD LUCK! :)**

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