Never Date a New Yorker

English · B2

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The grammar · Reported speech: said it was

Find it: __ / 3

1 · SEE IT

You said New Yorkers were rude and talked too fast,

2 · LEARN IT

"It's interesting"	you said it was interesting	**"You're next"**	she said I was next
"You love the camera"	you said I loved the camera	**"They're rude"**	you said they were rude
"You're into climbing"	it told me you were into climbing	**"I'm fine"**	I said I was fine

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of reported speech. One line has none.

1. You asked me where I was from, and I said Staten Island,
2. You said you'd never date a New Yorker,
3. and that a guy from Boston could never keep up.
4. You said you'd never date a New Yorker, baby.

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] a nice boy from the block who laughs at her jokes.
- [ ] My mother still says that I should have married
- [ ] so why do you take the train down every Friday?
- [ ] and you'd have missed me if you had kept your word.
- [ ] I guess it's true what they say, that opposites attract,

4 · Fill in the Blank

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Use told.

1. you _____ me you'd been warned about girls like me.

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ____ / 9

For parents: scan to play the song at home. The app is free to try.

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Grammar · Find it (3)

1 said 2 said 3 none 4 said

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

a nice boy from the block who laughs at her jokes. 5 · My mother still says that I should have married 4 · so why do you take the train down every Friday? 1 · and you'd have missed me if you had kept your word. 3 · I guess it's true what they say, that opposites attract, 2

4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 told

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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