Seldom Do They Ask

English · C1

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · What I need is… (cleft)

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

What they're after is a postcard, not a place,

2 · LEARN IT

What I need is a hobby	the thing I need is a hobby	**What I'd like to say is hello**	the thing I'd like to say is hello
What I wanted was a car	the thing I wanted was a car	**What you don't see is the kitchen**	the part you don't see is the kitchen
What I miss is the listening	the thing I miss is the listening	**What nobody tells you is that…**	here is something nobody tells you: …

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of what I need is… (cleft). One line has none.

1. and what it calls a charming, laid-back way of life
2. My people didn't pick this swamp; they were driven out of Acadia
3. is what my grandpa called getting up at four to check the traps.

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] I'm from the water that keeps taking back the land.
- [ ] Where am I from? Not the picture in the brochure,
- [ ] or whose hands it took to make a living from the mud.
- [ ] and who could blame them on a three-day vacation?
- [ ] Seldom do they ask what the bayou means,

Sing it together

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

My score ____ / 7

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

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English · C1 · Grammar: What I need is... (cleft) · 7 points

Grammar · Find it (2)

1 what 2 none 3 what

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

I'm from the water that keeps taking back the land. 5 · Where am I from? Not the picture in the brochure, 4 · or whose hands it took to make a living from the mud. 3 · and who could blame them on a three-day vacation? 1 · Seldom do they ask what the bayou means, 2

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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