I Wish I Had the Words

English · B2

Scan to play the song

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · if + past, would + verb

Find it: __ / 3

1 · SEE IT

If I could say it the way I feel it,

2 · LEARN IT

if I didn't have	but I do have	**I would sound**	it's not real
if I went back	I'm not going back	**I'd get to see**	it's not real
if I were braver	but I'm not	**I wouldn't blame him**	it's not real
if I could speak	but I can't speak		

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of if + past, would + verb. One line has none.

1. that was written by somebody else.
2. you'd hear the man I really am.
3. you'd never have to guess.
4. the ones you'd really understand.

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] and I just smiled, because I'd understood
- [ ] You told me on your parents' porch last summer
- [ ] I should have answered with something better
- [ ] maybe half of what you meant.
- [ ] that you had never been this happy,

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use could.

1. If I _____ speak the way I feel,

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 none 2 you'd 3 you'd 4 you'd

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

and I just smiled, because I'd understood 3 · You told me on your parents' porch last summer 1 · I should have answered with something better 5 · maybe half of what you meant. 4 · that you had never been this happy, 2

4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 could

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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