If I Didn't Have This Accent

English · B2

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · if + past, would + verb

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

If I didn't have this accent,

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. I would sound like everyone.
2. half my story would be gone.
3. Houston, you heard me, and I'm still here.

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] because in my first week in Houston someone had asked me,
- [ ] Yeah, it's Ahmed, and you heard me right.
- [ ] I used to stand in front of the mirror at night
- [ ] and practice every word until my jaw was tired,
- [ ] Every word I say comes with a little extra.

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 · B2 · Grammar: if + past, would + verb · 7 points

Grammar · Find it (2)

1 would 2 would 3 none

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

because in my first week in Houston someone had asked me, 5 · Yeah, it's Ahmed, and you heard me right. 1 · I used to stand in front of the mirror at night 3 · and practice every word until my jaw was tired, 4 · Every word I say comes with a little extra. 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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