If the Soil Could Talk

English · B2

Scan to play the song

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · if + past, would + verb

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

If the soil could talk, it would tell you everything,

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. because something green has finally started growing.
2. If the soil could talk, it would say thank you.
3. If the soil could talk, I think it would sing,

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] When I retired from the plant, I honestly didn't know
- [ ] had burned down years before, and since then it had been covered
- [ ] Grab a shovel, neighbor, the ground's been waiting.
- [ ] what a man was supposed to do with his hands all day.
- [ ] Across the street there was an empty lot where a house

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 none 2 could, would 3 could, would

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

When I retired from the plant, I honestly didn't know 2 · had burned down years before, and since then it had been covered 5 · Grab a shovel, neighbor, the ground's been waiting. 1 · what a man was supposed to do with his hands all day. 3 · Across the street there was an empty lot where a house 4

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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