Not Only Am I the First

English · C1

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · What I need is… (cleft)

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

What keeps me up at night isn't tuition, it's the pressure

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. Is what back home they just call "the one who went away."
2. What the brochure calls a first-generation college student
3. Fluent in two dialects and fully at home in neither.

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] Then came the paperwork: "Please verify your household income."
- [ ] And Mama read it twice, as if it might have been a typo.
- [ ] The envelope said, "Congratulations on your admission,"
- [ ] Elijah on the mic, first generation, let's go!
- [ ] This one's for everybody who filled out the forms alone.

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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Grammar · Find it (2)

1 what 2 what 3 none

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

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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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