I Used to Think I Was Right

English · B2

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The grammar · Reported speech: said it had been

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

I told him to his face that he had lost his mind.

2 · LEARN IT

"It was a panic attack"	she said it had been	**"You did the right thing"**	she said I had done
"You've lost your mind"	I told him he had lost his mind	**"You were right"**	I told him he'd been right
"I've been told"	you told me you'd been told	**"I paid more"**	she said she'd paid more

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of reported speech. One line has none.

1. pay the bills, I said; he should have stayed behind
2. So I told him what I should have told him years before,
3. When Pops walked out of his office job at fifty,

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ so I thought I knew it all, the way that young men do.
- ☐ a desk, with a steady paycheck, working nine to five.
- ☐ If the shop went under, how would we survive?
- ☐ I was nineteen, and I had read a book or two,
- ☐ It took me years to see what he had seen,

4 · Fill in the Blank

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Use told.

1. He laughed and handed me a broom, then _____ me

Sing it together

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

My score ____ / 8

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Grammar · Find it (2)

1 said 2 told 3 none

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

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4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 told

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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