What I Miss Is the Listening

English · C1

Scan to play the song

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · What I need is… (cleft)

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

What I miss isn't the music, it's the listening.

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. What I miss is the listening.
2. but what I miss isn't the music, it's the listening.
3. Last call, folks, and please, just listen.

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] and back in my day, as every old man is required by law to say,
- [ ] the bands were tighter and the kids were better behaved,
- [ ] which is, strictly speaking, a complete fabrication.
- [ ] The truth is that the bands today could play circles around the ones I booked back then.
- [ ] For forty years I've kept the lights on in this little Memphis club,

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 · C1 · Grammar: What I need is… (cleft) · 7 points

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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