Not a Dollar Stays on Main Street

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English · C1

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · What I need is… (cleft)

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

and what you're electing, whether or not you meant to,

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 either a neighbor who knows your name or a parking lot that doesn't.
2. so stomp your boots if you're still standing,
3. what they brought us instead was "synergy" and "a seamless shopping experience,"

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ Then a big-box store went up out by the highway,
- ☐ and for seventy years or so we've sold nails by the pound and advice for free.
- ☐ Hey, Main Street, are you listening?
- ☐ My granddad opened this hardware store when the trains still stopped in town,
- ☐ a "retail destination" with a parking lot the size of the county fair.

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 is 2 none 3 what

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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