Everybody Needs Somebody To Love –
The Blues Brothers - Notes

- **Activity type:** reading, writing, speaking, rhyming words
- **Level:** Elementary / Pre-Intermediate
- **Note:** Originally recorded by Solomon Burke (and covered by The Rolling Stones, amongst others), the best known version of this song appeared on the soundtrack of the 1980 film The Blues Brothers. This worksheet is taken from New Team Up in English, the lower secondary school course book by Kavanagh, Morris, Moore, published in Italy by ELI, 2011.

**Keys:**

Exercise 2.

1. 1980
2. $5,000
3. They organise a concert
4. It's an old police car
5. He lost over 1,000 pairs of them
6. Everybody Needs Somebody To Love

Alternative Exercise 2 (see below).

1. car
2. John Landis
3. Illinois
4. Ray Charles
5. Dan Aykroyd
6. sunglasses
7. dollars

city: CHICAGO

**Alternative Exercise 2:**

2 **Complete the grid - the vertical line will spell the name of the city where The Blues Brothers is set.**

1. The Bluesmobile is an old police ______.
2. He directed The Blues Brothers.
3. The police (or Law Enforcement Community!) in the film come from here.
4. One of the famous musicians in the film (3,7).
5. He played the part of Elwood Blues.
6. Jon Belushi lost over 1,000 of these during filming!
7. The Blues Brothers had to find 5,000 of these to save the orphanage.

1. __ __
2. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
3. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
4. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
5. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
6. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
7. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

**Intro:**
One two, one two three four

We’re so glad to see so many of you lovely people here tonight, and we would especially like to welcome all the representatives of Illinois Law Enforcement community who have chosen to join us in the Palace Hotel ballroom at this time. We certainly hope you all enjoy the show, and remember people, that no matter who you are, and what you do to live, thrive and survive, there are still some things that make us all the same - you, me them, everybody, everybody.
Directed by John Landis, starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, 1980. *The Blues Brothers* is one of the funniest films ever!
The story is set in Chicago and is about two brothers, Jake (Belushi) and Elwood (Aykroyd). They need to find $5,000 to save an orphanage. They decide to organise a concert.

They are musicians, so they decide to get their old band together and have many exciting adventures. They drive an old police car, which they call the Bluesmobile, and dress in black suits, with hats and sunglasses which they never take off. During filming John Belushi lost over 1,000 pairs of sunglasses!

They make a lot of enemies, for example Jake’s ex-girlfriend and the Illinois Law Enforcement Community (the police!). There are a lot of car chases!

The film was in the Guinness Book of Records for the most cars destroyed in a film.

The music is awesome! There are a lot of famous musicians: James Brown, Aretha Franklin and Ray Charles. ‘Everybody need somebody to love’ is probably the most famous song of the film.

**Word check**
- set in (v)
- ambientato in
- orphanage
- orfanotrofio

**Find and write the rhyming pairs. There are two words that do not rhyme.**

- soul
- inside
- kiss
- please
- fire
- miss
- hide
- squeeze

- inside
- hide
Listening

4 Listen and read the song lyrics. Check your answers to exercise 3.

Everybody Needs Somebody To Love
(B. Bertram - B. Solomon V - W. Gerald)

...you, me, them, everybody, everybody
Everybody needs somebody
Everybody needs somebody to love
Someone to love (someone to love)
Sweetheart to miss (sweetheart to miss)
Sugar to kiss (sugar to kiss)
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you you in the morning
(you you you) when my soul’s on fire

Sometimes I feel
I feel a little sad inside
When my baby mistreats me
I never never never have a place to hide
I need you

Sometimes I feel
I feel a little sad inside
When my baby mistreats me
I never never never have a place to hide
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you

You know people when you do find that special somebody
You get to hold that man, hold that woman
Love him, please him, squeeze her, please her,
Signify your feelings with every gentle caress
Because its so important to have that special somebody
To hold, to kiss, to miss, to squeeze and please

Everybody needs somebody
Everybody needs somebody to love
Someone to love
Sweetheart to miss
Sugar to kiss
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you you you
I need you

5 Sing the song together.

Speaking

6 Choose three films among your favourites and talk to your partner about them.

Among my favourite films there’s School of Rock, with Jack Black. The story is great fun and the music is fantastic! It is about...

Writing

7 Write in your notebook a short review of your favourite film.