Heal The World - Michael Jackson - Notes



Activity type: reading comprehension, gap fill, vocabulary.

Grammar: imperative forms

Level: Elementary

• **Note:** Michael Jackson claimed this is the song he was most proud to have created. Recorded in 1991, he subsequently set up the Heal The World and Heal The Kids Foundations.

1) Tell students they are going to listen to a song by Michael Jackson. Elicit some of his song titles.

- 2) Ask them if they know about Michael's charity work. Can they guess which song they are going to listen to?
- 3) Give them a copy of the Reading activity. Note that this text was originally intended as a Listening activity, so may not be very challenging for some students. You can solve this problem by making this into a race.

Key:

- 1. Glasgow
- 2.39
- 3. 1992
- 4. Dangerous
- 5. Heal The Kids
- 6. Radio Red FM
- 4) Feedback on any difficult vocabulary.
- 5) Give each student a copy of the second worksheet. Ask them to fold the page, so as they cannot see the lyrics. They match the two parts of the sentence to form the chorus.
- 6) Check in pairs, then ask them to unfold the page, look at the Chorus and correct any mistakes.
- 7) Students complete the lyrics using the pictures and given vocabulary.
- 8) Listen and check.
- 9) Feedback on any difficult volabulary.
- 10) **Imperatives:** Tell the students there are only two imperatives used in the song. Do they know what they are?

Kev: heal, make

- 11) Sing the song together.
- 12) **Follow up:** Discussion or writing on what Michael Jackson meant to them. Who do they think is now the "King of Pop"?



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MICHAEL JACKSON

Read the following radio interview and answer the questions.

Presenter: Michael Jackson is one of the most famous pop stars of all time, but he was also one of the most eccentric! Many people forget that he was extremely generous, and regularly contributed to charities. With us now is Robin Humphries from Glasgow, a big fan of Michael Jackson, Hello Robin.

Robin: Hello!

Presenter: Well, you know everything there is to know about Michael

Robin: Yes, I am his biggest fan!

Presenter: OK, can you tell us about his charity work for children?

Robin: Well, he helped sick and terminally ill children over the world, spending time with them, or giving money to charity. In fact he is in the Guinness Book of Records for "Most Charities Supported By a Pop Star".

Presenter: Wow! How many?

Robin: Well, in the year 2000 it was 39, but he also set up his own charity in 1992, called The Heal The World Foundation.

Presenter: Heal The World! That's the name of one of his biggest hits.

Robin: Yes, it's on the album Dangerous, and he recorded it the year before, in 1991. He said it is the song he is most proud of. It's about making the world a better place, and that's the same message as The Heal The World Foundation. It focuses on making the world aware of children's rights, and improving the world we live in.

Presenter: Good for Michael Jackson!

Robin: Yes, then in the year 2000 he set up Heal The Kids, which helps adults to reorganise their lives so they have more time to love and support their children.

Presenter: Yes, that's good. Heal The Kids - parents and children spending more time together. Thank you Robin. Now, let's listen to the song Heal The World on Radio Red FM.

1. Where is Robin Humphries from?

Glasgow

- 2. How many charities did Michael Jackson support in the year 2000?
- 3. When did he set up The Heal The World Foundation?
- 4. What is the name of the album featuring "Heal The World"?
- 5. What is the name of the charity for helping parents spend more time with children?
- 6. What is the name of the radio station?

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Match the two parts of the phrases.

Heal
Make it
For you and for
There are
If you
Make a better place

me and the entire human race care enough for the living for you and for me a better place the world people dying



FOLD

Read this famous song and fill in the gaps with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

brighter <u>heart</u> why world fear cry hurt fear joyful face

There's a place in your heart	
And I know that it is love	
And this place could be much	
than tomor	rrow.
And if you really try	~
You'll find there's no need to _	(F)
In this place you'll feel	
There's no	or sorrow.
There are ways to get there	
If you care enough for the living	g
Make a little space, make a be	tter place.
Chorus	
Heal the world	
Make it a better place	
For you and for me and the en	ntire human race
There are people dying	
If you care enough for the livin	g
Make a better place for you ar	nd for me
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If you want to know	_ !
There's a love that cannot lie	
Love is strong	
It only cares for joyful giving.	
If we try we shall see	
In this bliss we cannot feel	
We stop existing and start livin	g
Then it feels that always	Yari
Love's enough for us growing	
Make a better world, make a b	atter 6

And the dream we were conceived in	
Will reveal a 💝	
And the world we once believed in	
Will shine again in grace	
Then why do we keep strangling life	
Wound this earth, crucify its soul	
Though it's plain to see, this world is heavenly	
Be God's glow.	
We could fly so high	
Let our spirits never die	
In my heart I feel	
You are all my brothers	
Create a world with no	
Together we'll cry happy tears	
See the nations turn	
Their swords into ploughshares	
We could really get there	
If you cared enough for the living	
Make a little space to make a better place.	
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Repeat Chorus (3X)	
There are people dying	
if you care enough for the living	
Make a better place for you and for me.	
There are people dying	
if you care enough for the living	
Make a better place for you and for me.	
You and for me / Make a better place	
You and for me / Make a better place	

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And I know that it is love
And this place could be much
Brighter than tomorrow
And if you really try
You'll find there's no need to cry
In this place you'll feel
There's no hurt or sorrow
There are ways to get there
If you care enough for the living
Make a little space, make a better place

Chorus:

Heal the world
Make it a better place
For you and for me and the entire human race
There are people dying
If you care enough for the living
Make a better place for you and for me

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If we try we shall see
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Then it feels that always
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Chorus

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Repeat Chorus (3x)

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