



I'm a Believer – Notes



- **Activity type:** gap fill.
 - **Grammar:** Past Simple.
 - **Time:** 20 mins
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1) Write the following verbs on the board:

to be – can't – to get – to give – to haunt – to mean (*Past Participle, same as Past Simple*) – **to need – to see – to seem – to think – to try**

2) Students write the past tense of these verbs.

Key: **was/were – couldn't – got – gave – haunted – meant – needed – saw – seemed – thought – tried**

3) Play the song. Students listen and tick the words they hear, correcting if necessary.

4) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Before playing the song again ask them to try to insert the missing verbs, as listed above, in the correct gaps, based on context.

5) Play the song. Students complete the text.

6) Allow them to check their answers with other students, and then play the song again.

7) Correct, and sing together.

Follow up: How do you feel about love? Are you a believer? Students discuss, or write.



I'm a Believer – The Monkees



(written by Neil Diamond)

I _____ love was only true in fairy tales
_____ for someone else but not for me.
Love _____ out to get me
That's the way it _____.
Disappointment _____ all my dreams.

Then I _____ her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I _____ leave her if I _____.

I _____ love _____ more or less a given thing,
Seems the more I _____ the less I _____.
What's the use in trying?
All you get is pain.
When I _____ sunshine I got rain.

Then I _____ her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I _____ leave her if I _____.

Love _____ out to get me
That's the way it _____.
Disappointment _____ all my dreams.
Then I _____ her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I _____ leave her if I _____.

Yes, I _____ her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I _____ leave her if I _____.

to be – can't – to get – to give – to haunt – to mean (*Past Participle, same as Past Simple*)
– to need – to see – to seem – to think – to try



I'm a Believer – Complete



(written by Neil Diamond)

I thought love was only true in fairy tales
Meant for someone else but not for me.
Love was out to get me
That's the way it seemed.
Disappointment haunted all my dreams.

Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

I thought love was more or less a given thing,
Seems the more I gave the less I got.
What's the use in trying?
All you get is pain.
When I needed sunshine I got rain.

Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

Love was out to get me
That's the way it seemed.
Disappointment haunted all my dreams.
Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

Yes, I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.