Lemon Tree – Fool’s Garden – Notes

- **Activity type:** gap fill, rhyming words.
- **Grammar:** Present simple, present continuous.
- **Time:** 20 mins.

1) Write the following words on the board:

| afternoon | do | power | toy |
| around   | far | room | tree |
| bed      | head | see | view |
| car      | joy | shower | why |
| do       | me | sky | you (twice) |

2) Students match the rhyming pairs (NB: there are two different rhyming words for “you”, and one group has three words, not two). Point out that some are not in fact direct rhymes, but follow the vowel sounds.

3) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Before playing the song ask them to try to insert the missing words, as listed above, in the correct gaps, based on context and rhymes (rhyming words usually happen together!).

4) Play the song. Students check their predictions in 3).

5) Listen again. Students correct and complete.

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

7) Correct, and sing together.

Further Grammar Practice:

Rewrite the verbs in the song in two columns named “Present Simple” and “Present Continuous”.

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I’m sitting here in a boring _________
It’s just another rainy Sunday _________
I’m wasting my time, I(‘ve) got nothing to _________
I’m hanging around, I’m waiting for _________
But nothing ever happens, and I wonder.
I’m driving around in my _________
I’m driving too fast, I’m driving too _________
I’d like to change my point of _________
I feel so lonely, I’m waiting for _________
But nothing ever happens, and I wonder

I wonder how, I wonder _________
yesterday you told me about the blue blue _________
and all that I can _________
is just a yellow lemon _________
I’m turning my head up and _________
I’m turning, turning, turning, turning, turning _________
And all that I can _________
Is just a yellow lemon _________

Sing! La la da da dee da...

I’m sitting here, I miss the _________
I’d like to go out taking a _________
But there’s a heavy cloud inside my _________
I feel so tired, put myself into _________
Where nothing ever happens, and I wonder

Isolation is not good for _________.
Isolation, I don’t want to sit on a lemon _________

I’m stepping around in a desert of _________
Baby anyhow I’ll get another _________
And everything will happen, and you’ll wonder

I wonder how, I wonder _________
yesterday you told me about the blue blue _________
and all that I can _________
is just another yellow lemon _________
I’m turning my head up and down
I’m turning turning turning turning turning around
And all that I can see is just a yellow lemon-tree

And I wonder, wonder
I wonder how
I wonder _________
Yesterday you told me ‘bout the blue blue _________
and all that I can _________ and all that I can _________ and all that I can _________
is just a yellow lemon _________.
Lemon Tree – Fool’s Garden – Complete

I'm sitting here in a boring room
It's just another rainy Sunday afternoon
I'm wasting my time
I've got nothing to do
I'm hanging around
I'm waiting for you
But nothing ever happens and I wonder

I'm driving around in my car
I'm driving too fast
I'm driving too far
I'd like to change my point of view
I feel so lonely
I'm waiting for you
But nothing ever happens and I wonder

I wonder how
I wonder why
Yesterday you told me about the blue blue sky
And all that I can see is just a yellow lemon tree
I'm turning my head up and down
I'm turning turning turning turning around
And all that I can see is just another lemon-tree

I'm sitting here
I miss the power
I'd like to go out taking a shower
But there's a heavy cloud inside my head

I feel so tired
Put myself into bed
While nothing ever happens and I wonder

Isolation is not good for me
Isolation I don't want to sit on the lemon-tree

I'm stepping around in the desert of joy
Baby anyhow I'll get another toy
And everything will happen and you wonder

I wonder how
I wonder why
Yesterday you told me 'bout the blue blue sky
And all that I can see is just another lemon-tree
I'm turning my head up and down
I'm turning turning turning turning around
And all that I can see is just a yellow lemon-tree
And i wonder, wonder

I wonder how
I wonder why
Yesterday you told me about the blue blue sky
And all that I can see, and all that I can see, and all that I can see
Is just a yellow lemon-tree