



## Mamma Mia – ABBA – Notes



- **Activity types:** Listening for specific words, gap fill, finding synonyms, watching films
- **Level:** Intermediate
- **Grammar Focus:** Tenses Review
- **Notes:** This is a 1975 hit from the Swedish band ABBA's album, *ABBA*. The title is an Italian interjection expressing surprise or anguish (literally, "My mother"). In 1999 the song gave its title to a successful West End stage musical written by the British playwright Catherine Johnson, based on ABBA's songs. A film adaptation of the musical, starring Meryl Streep and Colin Firth, was released in 2008.

1. Give each student a folded copy of the worksheet and ask them to work on Activity 1, individually or in pairs/groups. They have to write the requested tense and forms for each infinitive. Don't correct at this stage.

### POSSIBLE ANSWERS:

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. play/plays          | 8. made             |
| 2. forget/forgets      | 9. did ... let?     |
| 3. look                | 10. 've/'s been     |
| 4. do/does ... show?   | 11. 've/'s told     |
| 5. don't/doesn't mean? | 12. 've/'s missed   |
| 6. don't/doesn't know  | 13. will ... learn? |
| 7. parted              | 14. won't be        |

2. Play the song. Ask students to listen for the verbs from the previous activity and tick them as they hear them.

### KEY: See complete version of the song

3. Feedback, then students unfold the page and fill in the gaps with the missing verbs, based on their answers to the previous activity and context.
4. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in groups, then correct in open class and sing together!

### FOLLOW UP:

#### A) English in Use

Students find in the lyrics expressions with the same meaning as the following:

- |              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Decided    | <b>KEYS:</b> <i>made up my mind</i> |
| • Finish     | <i>come to an end</i>               |
| • Sad        | <i>blue</i>                         |
| • Separated  | <i>parted</i>                       |
| • We're over | <i>we're through</i>                |

#### B) Show students the 2008 film *Mamma Mia!*



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**Activity 1. Write the correct tense and forms for each verb according to the instructions given:**

<b>1. TO PLAY</b>	(Present Simple – positive form)	<u>play/plays</u>
<b>2. TO FORGET</b>	(Present Simple – positive form)	_____
<b>3. TO LOOK</b>	(Imperative – positive form)	_____
<b>4. TO SHOW</b>	(Present Simple – question form)	_____
<b>5. TO MEAN</b>	(Present Simple – negative short form)	_____
<b>6. TO KNOW</b>	(Present Simple – negative short form)	_____
<b>7. TO PART</b>	(Past Simple – positive form)	_____
<b>8. TO MAKE</b>	(Past Simple – positive form)	_____
<b>9. TO LET</b>	(Past Simple – question form)	_____
<b>10. TO BE</b>	(Present Perfect – positive short form)	_____
<b>11. TO TELL</b>	(Present Perfect – positive short form)	_____
<b>12. TO MISS</b>	(Present Perfect – positive short form)	_____
<b>13. TO LEARN</b>	(Future Tense – question form)	_____
<b>14. TO BE</b>	(Future Tense – negative short form)	_____

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**Activity 2. Complete the song with the answers from the previous activity:**

I've been cheated by you since I \_\_\_\_\_ when  
 So I \_\_\_\_\_ up my mind, it must come to an end  
 \_\_\_\_\_ at me now, \_\_\_\_\_ I ever \_\_\_\_\_?  
 I \_\_\_\_\_ how but I suddenly lose control  
 There's a fire within my soul  
 Just one look and I can hear a bell ring  
 One more look and I \_\_\_\_\_ everything, o-o-o-oh

Mamma mia, here I go again  
 My my, how can I resist you?  
 Mamma mia, \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ again?  
 My my, just how much I \_\_\_\_\_ you  
 Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ broken-hearted  
 Blue since the day we \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why, why \_\_\_\_\_ I ever \_\_\_\_\_ you go?  
 Mamma mia, now I really know,  
 My my, I could never let you go.

I \_\_\_\_\_ angry and sad about things that you do  
 I can't count all the times that I \_\_\_\_\_ you we're  
 through  
 And when you go, when you slam the door  
 I think you know that you \_\_\_\_\_ away too long  
 You know that I'm not that strong.  
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 Blue since the day we \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why, why \_\_\_\_\_ I ever \_\_\_\_\_ you go?  
 Mamma mia, even if I say  
 Bye-bye, leave me now or never  
 Mamma mia, it's a game we \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bye-bye \_\_\_\_\_ forever

**Repeat first chorus to fade**





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I've been cheated by you since I **don't know** when  
So I **made** up my mind, it must come to an end  
**Look** at me now, **will** I ever **learn**?  
I **don't know** how but I suddenly lose control  
There's a fire within my soul  
Just one look and I can hear a bell ring  
One more look and I **forget** everything, o-o-o-oh

Mamma mia, here I go again  
My my, how can I resist you?  
Mamma mia, **does** it **show** again?  
My my, just how much I've **messed** you  
Yes, I've **been** broken-hearted  
Blue since the day we **parted**  
Why, why **did** I ever **let** you go?  
Mamma mia, now I really know,  
My my, I could never let you go.

I've **been** angry and sad about things that you do  
I can't count all the times that I've **told** you we're through  
And when you go, when you slam the door  
I think you know that you **won't be** away too long  
You know that I'm not that strong.  
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Blue since the day we **parted**  
Why, why **did** I ever **let** you go?  
Mamma mia, even if I say  
Bye-bye, leave me now or never  
Mamma mia, it's a game we **play**  
Bye-bye **doesn't mean** forever

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