Roar – Katy Perry – Notes

- **Activity types:** Phonetics, listening for specific words, gap fill
- **Level:** Pre-intermediate/Intermediate
- **Language Focus:** Informal American English
- **Notes:** This song was recorded by the American singer Katy Perry and released in August 2013.

**Pre-listening activities**
1. Give each student a folded copy of the worksheet and ask them to do **Activity 1**. They have to match the words according to their final vowel sounds.

**Key:**

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**Note:** There is a Phonetic Chart on the Teacher’s Area of www.tuneintoenglish.com

**Listening activities**
1. Ask students to listen for the words in Activity 1, numbering them in the order they hear them.
2. Play the song.

3. Ask them to unfold the page and complete the lyrics (**Activity 2**) with the words from Activity 1, according their answers to the previous activity and context.
4. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in small groups.
5. Correct in open class, play the song again and sing together!

**Follow up**
Can students find more words in the song with the same final vowel sound?

**Ex.** /e/: fell; /ʌ/: enough; /ɑʊ/: now

**Language Focus**
Point out that *gonna* is used in spoken informal American English and stands for *going to.*
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**Activity 1.** List the words below in the correct column according to their final sounds:

point – politely – quietly – sound – tiger – up – zero

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**Activity 2.** Complete the song with the words from Activity 1.

I used to bite my tongue and hold my ______
Scared to rock the boat and make a ______
So I sat ______, agreed ______
I guess that I forgot I had a ______
I let you push me past the breaking ______

You held me down, but I got ______
Already brushing off the ______
You hear my voice, you hear that ______
Like thunder gonna shake the ______
You held me down, but I got ______

Get ready cause I've had enough
I see it all, I see it now

I got the eye of the ______, a ______, dancing through the ______
‘Cause I am a champion and you’re gonna hear me ROAR
Louder, louder than a ______

Now I'm floating like a butterfly
Stinging like a bee I earned my stripes
I went from ______, to my own ______

You held me down, but I got ______
Already brushing off the ______
You hear my voice, you hear that ______
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Roar, roar, roar, roar, roar...
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I used to bite my tongue and hold my breath
Scared to rock the boat and make a mess
So I sit quietly, agree politely
I guess that I forgot I had a choice
I let you push me past the breaking point
I stood for nothing, so I fell for everything

You held me down, but I got up
Already brushing off the dust
You hear my voice, you hear that sound
Like thunder gonna shake the ground
You held me down, but I got up
Get ready ’cause I’ve had enough
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I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire
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Oh oh oh oh oh
You’re gonna hear me roar

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I went from zero, to my own hero

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Roar, roar, roar, roar, roar

[Repeat Chorus 2]