Summer Nights - Grease - Notes

- **Activity type:** gap fill, rhyming words.
- **Grammar:** Past Simple, Question forms.
- **Time:** 20 mins (Note that there are three worksheets here, the third is a combination of the first two, and will take 30 mins to complete).
- **Note:** From the musical *Grease*, the best known version of this song was performed by John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, who played Danny Zuko and Sandy Olsson in the 1978 movie.

**Past Simple:**

1. Play the song, ask students to list all of the verbs they hear in the Past Simple. Feedback.

2. Give each student a copy of the Past Simple worksheet, and ask them to write the Past Simple form of each of the verbs.

   **Key:** was/were – did – drank – drowned – got – went – happened – had – made – met – saved – showed – stayed – swam – took – told - turned

3. As below.

**Rhyming Words:**

1. Elicit a possible rhyme for the word *fast*.
   Play the song, ask students to identify the rhyme used (*blast*), then list all the rhyming words they hear in the song. Feedback.

2. Give each student a copy of the Rhyming Words worksheet, and ask them to match the rhyming words.

   **Key:** Arcade – lemonade; blast – fast; bowlin’ – strollin’; brag – drag; cramp – damp; day(s) – away; dock – clock; dreams – seams; drowned – around; eighteen – mean; ends – friends; far – car; fling – thing; hand – sand; heat – meet; me – be; sight – fight; spend – friend; sun – begun; vow – now

3. Ask students to complete the lyrics based on their previous listening, their answers to the previous activities, and context.

4. Play the song. Students complete the text.

5. Correct, and sing together. Note that the male voice is in normal type, female in *italics*, and together **bold**.

6. Explain any difficult vocabulary.

   **Note:** to have a blast – to have a good time
   you don’t gotta brag – slang for you mustn’t boast
   to make out – to kiss
   dough – slang for money

7. **Further Past Simple analysis:** Revise the Question Form in the Past Simple. Ask students to underline all the questions in the Past Simple in the song. Can they also find the only question in the Present Simple?

8. **Follow up:** Put the students in pairs (one boy and one girl) and ask them to retell the story of Danny and Sandy using the verbs in the simple past. Ask the girls in the class to tell the story from Sandy’s point of view and the boys to tell it from Danny’s point of view. You can also show the sequence where the song is performed in Grease. This video is on www.tuneintoenglish.com.
1. Write the Past Simple form of each of these verbs.

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2. Use the Past Simple forms to complete the lyrics.

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Summer lovin', _______ so fast
I _______ a girl crazy for me
I _______ a boy, cute as can be
Summer days driftin' away, to
uh-oh those summer nights

She _______ by me, she _______ a cramp
he _______ by me, _______ my suit damp
I _______ her life, she nearly _______
he _______ off, splashing around
Summer sun, something's begun,
but uh-oh those summer nights

Tell me more, tell me more, _______ you get very far?
Tell me more, tell me more, like, does he have a car?

Tell me more, tell me more, _______ it love at first sight?
Tell me more, tell me more, _______ she put up a fight?

Tell me more, tell me more, but you don't gotta brag
Tell me more, tell me more, 'cause he sounds like a drag

Tell me more, tell me more, how much dough _______ he spend?
Tell me more, tell me more, could she get me a friend?

Tell me more, tell me more, tell me more, tell me more!
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Summer lovin', happened so ________
I met a girl crazy for ________
I met a boy, cute as can ________
Summer ________, driftin' ________,
to uh-oh those summer nights

Tell me more, tell me more, did you get very ________?
Tell me more, tell me more, like, does he have a ________?

She swam by me, she got a ________
he went by me, got my suit ________
I saved her life, she nearly ________
he showed off, splashing ________
Summer ________, something's ________,
but uh-oh those summer nights

Tell me more, tell me more, was it love at first ________?
Tell me more, tell me more, did she put up a ________?

Took her ________ in the ________
we went ________, drank ________
We made out under the ________
we stayed up till ten o' ________
Summer ________, don't mean a ________,
but uh-oh those summer nights

Tell me more, tell me more, but you don't gotta ________
Tell me more, tell me more, 'cause he sounds like a ________

He got friendly, holdin' my ________
well she got friendly, down in the ________
He was sweet, just turned ________
well she was good, you know what I ________
Summer ________, boy and girl ________,
but uh-oh those summer nights

Tell me more, tell me more, how much dough did he ________?
Tell me more, tell me more, could she get me a ________?

It turned colder, that's where it ________
so I told her we'd still be ________
Then we made our true love ________
wonder what she's doin' ________
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3. Complete the lyrics with the rhyming words (____) and the Past Simple forms (_ _ _).

**Summer lovin’** _ _ _ _ _ me a ________
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ you get very ______?*

**Summer lovin’,_ _ _ _ _ so ________**
*Tell me more, tell me more, like, does he have a ______?*

**I _ _ _ _ a girl crazy for________**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ she nearly _ _ / ________*

**I _ _ _ _ a boy, cute as can ________**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ she put up a ______?*

**Summer _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ __________,**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ she put up a ______?*

**to uh-oh those summer nights**
*Tell me more, tell me more, but you don’t gotta ______*
*Tell me more, tell me more, ‘cause he sounds like a ________*

**She _ _ _ _ _ by me, she _ _ _ _ _ a ________**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ it love at first ______?*

**I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ her life, she nearly _ _ _ / ________**
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**he _ _ _ _ _ off, splashing ________**
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**Summer _______ something’s ________,**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ she put up a ______?*

**but uh-oh those summer nights**
*Tell me more, tell me more, but you don’t gotta ______*
*Tell me more, tell me more, ‘cause he sounds like a ________*

**_ _ _ _ _ her ________ in the ________**
*Tell me more, tell me more, but you don’t gotta ______*
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**we _ _ _ _ _ _________ / _ _ _ _ _ ________**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ she put up a ______?*

**We _ _ _ _ _ out under the ________,**
*Tell me more, tell me more, but you don’t gotta ______*
*Tell me more, tell me more, ‘cause he sounds like a ________*

**we _ _ _ _ _ up till ten o’ ________,**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ she put up a ______?*

**Summer _______ don’t mean a ________,**
*Tell me more, tell me more, but you don’t gotta ______*
*Tell me more, tell me more, ‘cause he sounds like a ________*

**but uh-oh those summer nights**
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**He _ _ _ _ _ friendly, holdin’ my ________**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ how much dough _ _ _ _ _ _ he ______?*

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**He _ _ _ _ _ _ sweet, just ________ ________,**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ how much dough _ _ _ _ _ _ he ______?*

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**but uh-oh those summer nights**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ how much dough _ _ _ _ _ _ he ______?*

**It _ _ _ _ _ colder, that’s where it ________,**
*Tell me more, tell me more, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ how much dough _ _ _ _ _ _ he ______?*

**so I _ _ _ _ _ her we’d still be ________,**
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**Then we _ _ _ _ _ our true love ________,**
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**wonder what she’s doin’ ________,**
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We made out under the dock
we stayed up till ten o'clock
Summer fling don't mean a thing,
but uh-oh those summer nights

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