



Telephone – Lady Gaga (featuring Beyoncé) – Notes



- **Activity Type:** gap fill, matching pairs, comprehension.
- **Vocabulary:** Slang words.
- **Grammar:** Present Simple, Past Simple, Modal Verbs.
- **Time:** 30 minutes.
- **Note:** Taken from her second studio album "The Fame Monster", Lady Gaga originally wrote this song for Britney Spears. When it was rejected she recorded it herself with Beyoncé. The nine-minute video features Beyoncé bailing Gaga out of prison.

1) Write the following verbs on the board:

answer
break
call
feel

hear
know
leave
like

live
make
play
put

reach
say
stop
telephone

- 2) Play the song. Students tick each verb as they hear it, in any form.
- 3) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Ask them to work in pairs to complete the lyrics before listening to the song again, based on context and their answers to the previous activity. Remind them that they may have to change the form of the verb.
- 4) Play the song again. Students check and complete. Discuss the different verb forms.
- 5) Explain any necessary vocabulary.
- 6) Point out the following words in the song, and elicit their meanings:

kinda, gonna, shoulda, wanna, bub

Key: kind of, going to, should have, want to, champagne (bubbly)

7) Sing together.

Follow up:

Watch the video. Students write a news report based on the events portrayed.



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 You _____, I can't _____ a thing.
 I have got no service
 in the club, you see, see...
 Wha-Wha-What did you _____?
 Oh, you're _____ up on me...
 Sorry, I cannot _____ you,
 I'm kinda busy.
 K-kinda busy K-kinda busy
 Sorry, I cannot _____ you, I'm kinda busy.



Just a second,
 it's my favorite song they're gonna _____
 And I cannot _____ you with
 a drink in my hand, eh...
 You shoulda _____ some plans with me,
 you _____ that I _____ free.
 And now you won't _____ calling me;
 I'm kinda busy.

Stop _____, stop _____,
 I don't wanna think anymore!
 I _____ my head and my heart on the dance floor.
 Stop _____, stop _____,
 I don't wanna talk anymore!
 I _____ my head and my heart on the dance floor.

Eh, eh, eh, eh, eh, eh, eh, eh, eh...
 Stop _____ me!
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 I'm busy!
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Chorus:

Can call all you want,
 but there's no one home,
 and you're not gonna _____ my telephone!
 Out in the club, and I'm sippin' that bub,
 and you're not gonna _____ my telephone!

Repeat Chorus

(Beyoncé:)
 Boy, the way you blowin' up my phone
 won't _____ me _____ no faster.
 _____ my coat on faster,
 _____ my girls no faster.
 I shoulda _____ my phone at home,
 'cause this is a disaster!

Callin' like a collector -
 sorry, I cannot _____!
 Not that I don't _____ you,
 I'm just at a party.
 And I am sick and tired
 of my phone r-ringing.
 Sometimes I _____ like
 I _____ in Grand Central Station.
 Tonight I'm not takin' no calls,
 'Cause I'll be _____
 'Cause I'll be _____
 'Cause I'll be _____

Tonight I'm not takin' no calls,
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Repeat Chorus twice

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