



## With A Little Help From My Friends – Notes



- **Activity types:** Rhyming words, gap fill.
- **Grammar:** Present Simple, Past Simple, Future *going to* and *will*, Second Conditional.
- **Time:** 30 mins.
- **Note:** Sung by Ringo Starr, this track appeared on The Beatles' 1967 album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band". It was a huge hit for Joe Cocker when he released his version the following year.

- 1) Discussion: Ask students who they go to when they need help.
- 2) Write the following words on the board, and ask students to find the rhyming words.

**alone - away - day - light - mine - own - sight - time**

**Key:**  
alone - own  
away - day  
light - sight  
mine - time

- 3) Play the song, students put the words in the correct order they hear them.

**Key:** away - alone - day - own - sight - time - light - mine

- 4) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Ask them to listen to the song, and complete the lyrics, using the Present Simple, Past Simple, Future *going to* and *will* and Second Conditional. Play the song.
- 5) Students check their answers in pairs or small groups.
- 6) Play the song again and correct.
- 7) Vocabulary: discuss the meanings of the following verbs:  
*sing out of key - get by - get high - keep (on)*
- 8) Sing the song together.
- 9) Optional extra activity: Play the Joe Cocker version of the song (see complete version on the final page of this worksheet), and ask students to note the differences.

From Wikipedia:

Joe Cocker's version was a radical re-arrangement of the original, in a slower, 6/8 meter, in a different key, using different chords in the middle eight, and a lengthy instrumental introduction (featuring memorable guitar lines from Jimmy Page). It was used as the opening theme song of the American television series *The Wonder Years*. This cover has become one of Joe Cocker's most famous songs, and it was played during the Woodstock Festival.



## With A Little Help From My Friends – The Beatles



What (you/think) \_\_\_\_\_ if I (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ out of tune,  
(you/stand up) \_\_\_\_\_ and walk out on me.

Lend me your ears and I (sing) \_\_\_\_\_ you a song,

And I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ not to sing out of key.

Oh I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ by with a little help from my friends,

I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ high with a little help from my friends,

Oh I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ with a little help from my friends.

What (I / do) \_\_\_\_\_ when my love (be) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(it / worry) \_\_\_\_\_ you to be \_\_\_\_\_ ?

How (I / feel) \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(you / be) \_\_\_\_\_ sad because you're on your \_\_\_\_\_ ?

No, I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ by with a little help from my friends,

Mmm I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ high with a little help from my friends,

Mmm I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ with a little help from my friends.

(you / need) \_\_\_\_\_ anybody?

I (need) \_\_\_\_\_ somebody to love.

(it / can) \_\_\_\_\_ be anybody?

I (want) \_\_\_\_\_ somebody to love.

(you / believe) \_\_\_\_\_ in a love at first \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Yes I'm certain that it (happen) \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ .

What (you / see) \_\_\_\_\_ when you turn out the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

I (can not) \_\_\_\_\_ tell you, but I know it's \_\_\_\_\_ .

Oh I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ by with a little help from my friends,

Mmm I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ high with a little help from my friends,

Oh I (try) \_\_\_\_\_ with a little help from my friends.

(you / need) \_\_\_\_\_ anybody?

I just (need) \_\_\_\_\_ somebody to love.

(it / can) \_\_\_\_\_ be anybody?

I (want) \_\_\_\_\_ somebody to love.

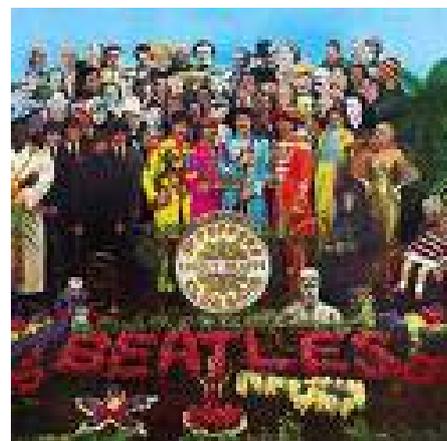
Oh I get by with a little help from my friends,

Mmm, I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

I get high with a little help from my friends

Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends,

With a little help from my friends.





# With A Little Help From My Friends – Complete



## The Beatles:

What would you think if I sang out of tune  
 Would you stand up and walk out on me?  
 Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song  
 And I'll try not to sing out of key  
 Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
 Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
 Mm going to try with a little help from my  
 friends

What do I do when my love is away?  
 (Does it worry you to be alone?)  
 How do I feel by the end of the day?  
 (Are you sad because you're on your own?)  
 No I get by with a little help from my friends  
 Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
 Mm going to try with a little help from my  
 friends

(Do you need anybody?)  
 I need somebody to love  
 (Could it be anybody?)  
 I want somebody to love

(Would you believe in a love at first sight?)  
 Yes I'm certain that it happens all the time  
 (What do you see when you turn out the light?)  
 I can't tell you, but I know it's mine  
 Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
 Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
 Oh I'm going to try with a little help from my  
 friends

(Do you need anybody?)  
 I just need somebody to love  
 (Could it be anybody?)  
 I want somebody to love

Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
 Mm going to try with a little help from my  
 friends  
 Oh I get high with a little help from my friends  
 Yes I get by with a little help from my friends  
 With a little help from my friends

## Joe Cocker:

What would you do if I sang out of tune  
 Would you stand up and walk out on me  
 Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song  
 I will try not to sing out of key  
 Ohh baby I get by,  
 (by with a little help of my friends)  
 All I need is my buddies  
 (try with a little help of my friends)  
 I said I'm gonna get high I will  
 (high with a little help of my friends)  
 Who-ho-hoo-yeah

What do I do when my love is away?  
 (does it worry for you to be alone?)  
 No no  
 How do I feel at the end of the day  
 (are you sad because your on your own?)  
 I tell you don't you say it no more  
 (by with a little help of my friends)  
 Gonna get by with my friends  
 (try with a little help from my friends)  
 Heel-heel-heel I'm gonna try  
 (high with a little help from my friends)  
 Keeping on gettin' high, I will

(do you need anybody)  
 I need someone to love  
 (could it be anybody)  
 All I need is someone, who knows just where I`m going  
 yeah  
 Somebody who knows quite sure, baby  
 (by with a little help from my friends)  
 Said I`m gonna make it with my friends, I will  
 (try with a little help from my friends)  
 Who-hoo-I`m gonna keep on trying  
 (high with a little help from my friends)  
 I`m gonna keep on trying

(would you believe in a love at first sight?)  
 I`m certain it happens all the time yeah  
 (what do you see when you trun out the light)  
 I can't tell ya, but it sure feel like mine  
 (by with a little friend from my friends)  
 Don't you know I`m gonna make it with my friends  
 (try with a little friend from my friends)  
 I promised myself I'd get by  
 (high with a little friend from my friends)  
 Said I`m gonna try it a little too hard

(do you need anybody?)  
 Ohaaa, yeah yeah yeah  
 (could it be anybody?)  
 Oh there's gotta be somebody  
 Going to be right I know  
 Somebody tell me, ohh yeah yeah  
 (by with a little help from my friends)  
 Said I`m gonna get by with my friend, I tell ya  
 (try with a little help from my friends)  
 Ooh yes I`m gonna keep trying  
 (high with a little help from my friends)  
 Keep on trying with my friends  
 (by with a little help from my friends)  
 Ooh you never gonna stop me anymore  
 (try with a little help from my friends)  
 I`m gonna keep on trying  
 (high with a little help from my friends)  
 I`m getting' high, I`m wanna make time oh lord  
 Gonna get by with my friends