

Let

This activity was presented in 2015-2016. "Stage directions" are on the left, the spoken words are on the right.

Show the next slide bit by bit as you speak.
Elicit the word Verb.

Let's look at the word Let.
What kind of word is it?
In this form it could be the Present Simple, Past Simple or Imperative – in the next song in what tense is it?

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Verb:

- Present Simple
- Past Simple
- Imperative

Play the first verse of **Let Her Go** by **Passenger** (2012), with lyrics projected.

Let's take a vote – all of those who think it is Present Simple, raise your hands.
All those who think Past Simple?
And Imperative?
Let's look at the song – is he saying "every day I leave my woman"? - No!
Or "Hey, leave your woman!" - No!
Or "I am very sad because in the past my woman left me"? Yes!
So Past Simple!

Show the word Imperative on the screen.
Play **Let It Go** from the Disney film **Frozen** (by Idina Menzel, 2013), with lyrics projected.

Let can also be an Imperative, just like in this song!

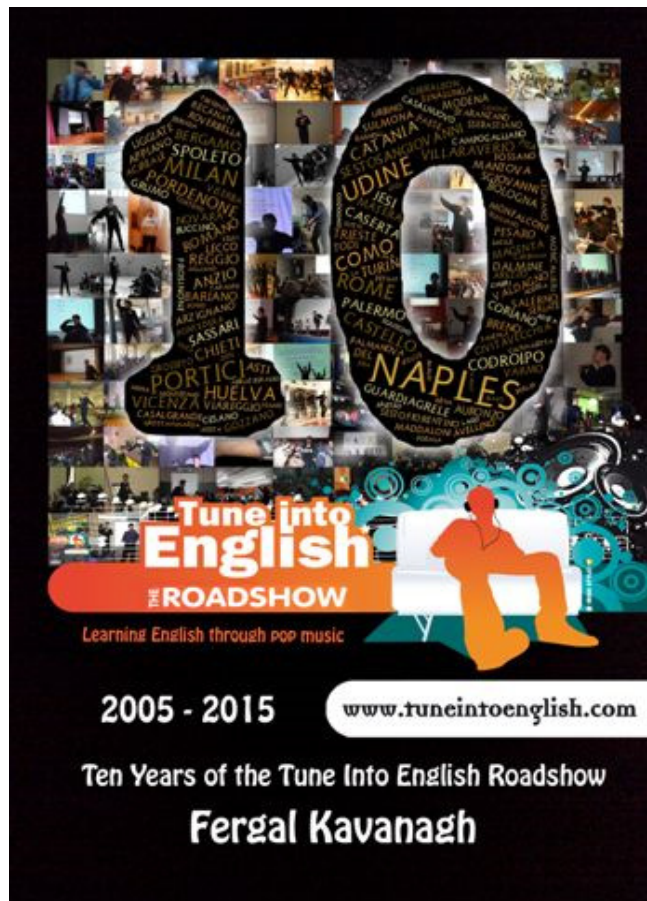
Show the word Permission on the screen.

Let can also be used for asking for Permission.
We also need an object, for example Let *me* speak, let *her* listen etc.

Play an extract from **Take Me To Church** by **Hozier** (2014), with the line "Let me give you my life", with lyrics projected.
Play an extract from **Hold Back The River** by **James Bay** (2014), with the lines "Let me look in your eyes" and "Let us wander", with lyrics projected.

In this song you will hear "Let me" for permission.

In this song you will hear both "Let me" and "Let us" – this is "let us" for permission, and is different to "let's" suggestion.



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