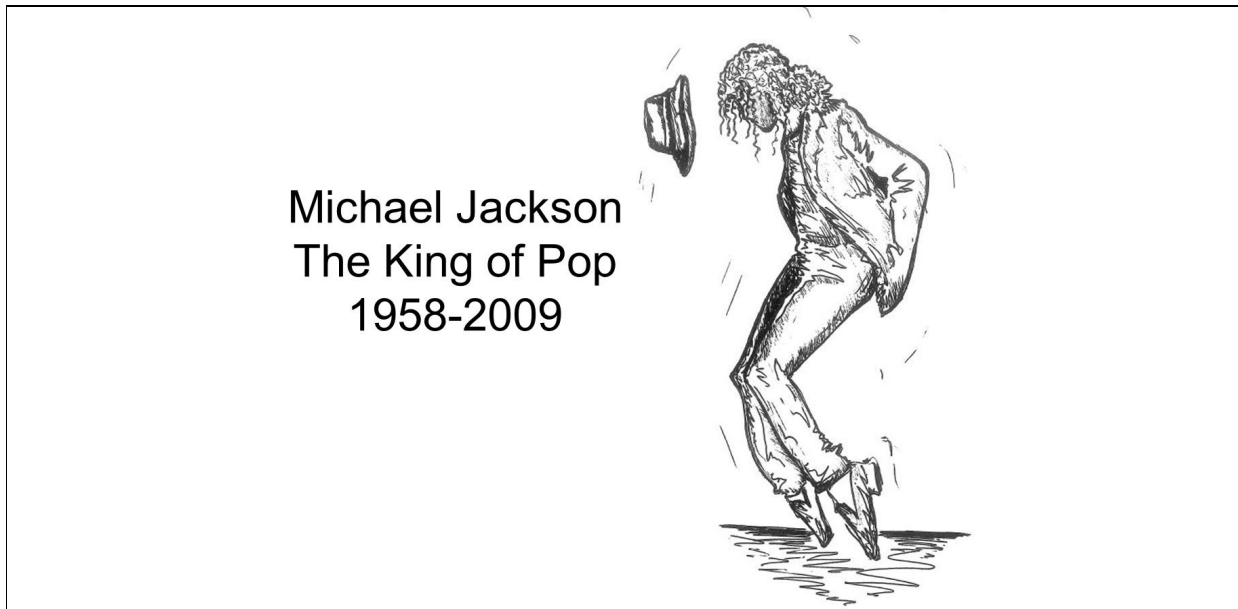


The Jackson 5 – Blame It On The Boogie

This activity is taken from Ten Years of The Tune Into English Roadshow and was presented in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. "Stage directions" are on the left, the spoken words are on the right.

Elicit Michael Jackson and show a slide with a photo of Jackson.
Play an extract of **Thriller** (1982), with lyrics projected, put on a white glove and dance!

Who was the King of Pop?



Invite / select four students to come to the stage.
Ask each student their name.
As you continue, reveal each picture on the following slide one by one.

We are going to dance to a Michael Jackson song – I need four volunteers!
What's your name?



Show a picture of the sun. Elicit the word Sun or Sunshine.

Jump, while making a large circle with your arms.

The first student copies you.

Show a picture of the Moon, elicit the word.

Jump, making the letter C with your arms, the second student copies you.

Show a picture of Fireworks, elicit the word.

Step forward, raising your two thumbs, in a 'thumbs up' sign, the third student copies you.

Show a picture of someone dancing, elicit the word Dance.

Bend your knees and shake your behind, the fourth student copies you.

Show a slide with the four pictures, the four students do their movements.

Play the part of **Blame It On The Boogie** by **The Jacksons** (1978) where the four words are repeated, the four students do the movements.

Show the slide with the words I just can't control my feet.

Play this part of the song, students move their feet.

Elicit Gerry Scotti.

Show a picture of Gerry Scotti presenting Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, and elicit his name.

Elicit the name of the show (in English!)

Claudio, what is this?

Claudio, you are the Sunshine!

Paola, what is this?

Paola, you are the Moonlight!

Marta, what is this?

And we use fireworks when we want to have a good time!

Marta, you are the Good Times!

Ugo, what is this?

We could say dance, but we are going to say Boogie!

Ugo, you are Boogie!

So, we have Sunshine – Moonlight – Good Times – Boogie.

I have a problem – every time I hear good music, I have to dance! This might not sound like a problem, but when I am speaking to your headmaster, if a good song comes on the radio in his/her office I have to get up and dance!

In fact, I just can't control my feet!

Have you got the same problem? (Say yes!) Show me!

Very good! Now, before we continue, I have invited a very special friend today to help me. You all know him very well, his name is Gerry...?

What TV programme does he present?



Add the question with four options, in the format of the TV show.
The four students do the movements as you read the options aloud.
Play the chorus of the song (with the four students doing the movements).

Feedback, students repeat the movements.

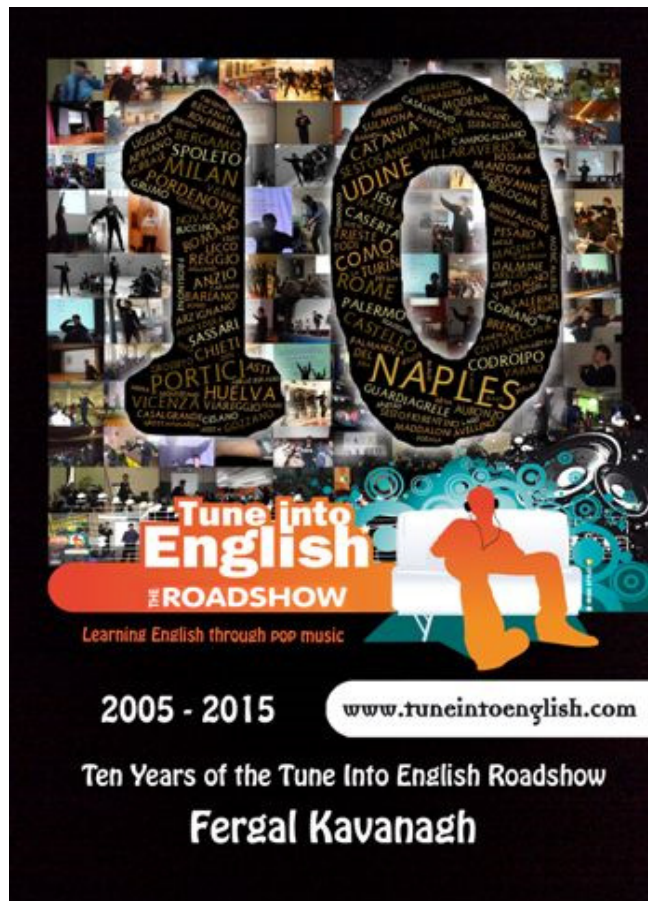
Elicit the word Boogie.

Play the complete song, everybody dances.
Guide them through the movements where necessary.

Here is a question from the show.
What does Michael Jackson blame 'it' on?
The sunshine, the moonlight, the good times or the boogie?

So, he says: Don't blame it on the sunshine, don't blame it on the moonlight, don't blame it on the good times, blame it on the...

Everybody, stand up!



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