



Boom Clap – Charli XCX – Notes



- **Activity types:** Vocabulary, listening for specific words, gap fill
- **Level:** Elementary / Pre-Intermediate
- **Language focus:** Synonyms (light)
- **Notes:** Released as the first single from the soundtrack of the 2104 film *The Fault in Our Stars*, this song was a worldwide hit for British singer/songwriter Charli XCX, whose real name is Charlotte Emma Aitchison.

- **Activity 1.** Ask students to work alone or in pairs to write the words in the correct column.

Key:

COLOURS	HUMAN BODY	CELESTIAL BODIES	ONOMATOPOEIC WORDS
BLUE	BONES	MOON	BEAT
GOLD	HEART	STARS	BOOM
SILVER	VEINS	SUN	CLAP

- Play the song. Ask students to listen for the words from the previous activity, numbering them in the order they hear them in any form. If they appear more than once, refer to the first time.

Key: 1. Boom – 2. Clap – 3. Blue – 4. Moon – 5. Stars – 6. Bones – 7. Veins – 8. Heart – 9. Beat – 10. Silver – 11. Gold – 12. Sun

- Students can unfold the page and complete the song (**Activity 2**) according to their answers to the previous activity and context.
- Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in groups.
- Correct in open class, play the song again and sing together!

Language Focus (for more advanced students)

In the song there are several words (nouns and verbs) referring to “light”:

light – shining – glowing – glitter – illuminate – halo

Let students infer the different meanings of each word from the context. This activity could be ideal to encourage students to use a monolingual dictionary.



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Activity 1. Write the following words in the correct column:

BEAT – BLUE – BONES - BOOM - CLAP - GOLD – HEART - MOON - SILVER – STARS - SUN - VEINS

COLOURS	HUMAN BODY	CELESTIAL BODIES	ONOMATOPOEIC WORDS

FOLD

Activity 2. Complete the song with the words from Activity 1.

 You're picture perfect _____
 Sunbathing on the _____
 _____ shining as your _____ illuminate
 First kiss just like a drug
 Under your influence
 You take me over you're the magic in my _____
 This must be love

Chorus:

The sound of my _____
The _____ goes on and on and on and on and

You make me feel good
Come on to me come on to me now

The sound of my _____
The _____ goes on and on and on and on and

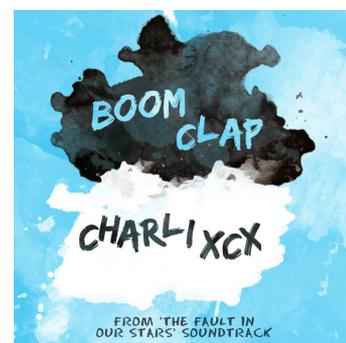
You make me feel good
Come on to me come on to me now

No _____ or no _____
 Could dress me up so good
 You're the glitter in the darkness of my world
 Just tell me what to do
 I'll fall right into you
 Going under, cast a spell, just say the word
 I feel your love

Repeat Chorus

You are the light and I will follow
 You let me lose my shadow
 You are the _____, the glowing halo
 And you keep burning me up with all of your love

Repeat Chorus (x2)





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Boom boom boom clap

You're picture perfect blue
Sunbathing on the moon
Stars shining as your bones illuminate
First kiss just like a drug
Under your influence
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This must be love

Chorus:

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Repeat Chorus

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Repeat Chorus x2