



I Lived – OneRepublic - Notes



- **Activity types:** gap fill.
- **Grammar:** Past Simple
- **Level:** Elementary / Pre-Intermediate

Note: Taken from OneRepublic's 2014 album Native, singer Ryan Tedder's wrote this as a 'carpe diem' song for his 4-year old son. The video features a 15-year-old boy with cystic fibrosis making full use of his life and discussing the disease. It finishes with the words: "This year, Bryan and his teammates have ridden over 1,200 miles and raised \$300,000 for cystic fibrosis research. To find out more about cystic fibrosis or to make a donation to CF research, visit www.CFF.org."

- 1) Elicit the Past Simple of the verb "to live". Tell students they are going to listen to a song called "I Lived", but there are four other Past Simple forms in the song. You can ask students to listen for them, or first give the five verbs (*to live - to do - to see - to own - to build*), elicit the Past Simple forms and ask them to listen for them. Play the song.
Key: built, did, owned, saw, lived
- 2) Give each student a copy of the worksheet and ask them to work in pairs to discuss the first exercise. Do not play the song at this stage.
- 3) Play the song, and ask them to complete the lyrics with the missing words. (Note, if you are using the video version, do step 5) also here.)
- 4) Play the song, students check and correct.
- 5) Ask students if they are familiar with the background of the video (see notes above). Ask them to match the questions to Bryan's answers. You may need to help them with some vocabulary.
Key: a-2, b-3, c-1
- 6) Discuss the disease cystic fibrosis. Students can do further research on this and other diseases.
- 7) Sing the song together.



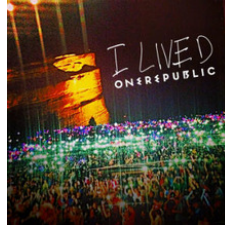
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Complete the lyrics with the following words:

all	bone	comes	every	fall	jump	name	only
places	runs	second	spend	sun	take	things	water

Hope when you take that _____,
 You don't fear the fall.
 Hope when the _____ rises,
 You built a wall.



Hope when the crowd screams out
 It's screaming your _____
 Hope if everybody _____
 You choose to stay

Hope that you _____ in love
 And it hurts so bad
 The _____ way you can know
 You give it _____ you have

And I hope that you don't suffer
 But _____ the pain
 Hope when the moment comes, you'll say

I, I did it all
 I, I did it all
 I owned every _____ that this world could give
 I saw so many places
 The things that I did
 Yeah, with every broken _____
 I swear I lived

Hope that you _____ your days
 But they all add up
 And when that _____ goes down
 Hope you raise your cup
 Oh, oh

I wish that I could witness
 All your joy
 And all your pain
 But until my moment _____
 I'll say

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 I saw so many _____
 The _____ that I did

Yeah with _____ broken bone
 I swear I lived

In the video Bryan Warnecke discusses the disease Cystic Fibrosis. Read the three questions and match them to Bryan's statements.

- How did you feel when you found out about the disease?
- How does it feel? What scares you the most?
- What is cystic fibrosis? How long have you had it?

- Cystic fibrosis is a disease that attacks the digestive system and slowly shuts down the lungs. The mucus in everyone else's lungs is more watery, so you guys can clear it easier, but when it comes to my lungs the mucus is very syrupy. I've been doing my treatments every day of my life so to me it's just one of those things that are normal. My name is Bryan Warnecke and I've been living with cystic fibrosis for 15 years.
- When I first found out the life expectancy for the first time it really scared me. Right now it's up to about 36. It's just one of those things that really makes you appreciate life, it make you appreciate where you are as a person.
- It feels like I'm breathing through a straw, whenever I try to breathe hard it hurts. I want to make the most out of my life and have as much fun as I possibly can and my biggest fear is not being able to do that.



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Oh whoa oh oh oh oh oh (x3)

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Oh whoa oh oh oh oh oh (x2)