



Spinnin' For 2012 – Notes



- **Activity types:** Discussion, listening, Video work, presentation.
- **Time:** one hour.
- **Note:** This is the official song of the London 2012 Torch Relay. It is performed by 16-year-old soul singer Dionne Bromfield and British rapper Tinchy Stryder. A curiosity: Dionne is Amy Winehouse's goddaughter.
- The 2012 Summer Olympics torch relay will be run from 19 May – 27 July 2012. The torch relay will arrive on 18 May 2012 from Greece. The relay will last 70 days, with 66 evening celebrations, six Island Visits with about 8,000 people carrying the torch 300 m (330 yd) each, starting from Land's End in Cornwall. The torch will have one day outside of the United Kingdom when it will visit Dublin on June 6. The relay will focus on: National Heritage Sites, locations and venues with sporting significance, key sporting events, schools registered with the Get Set School Network, green spaces and biodiversity, Live Sites (city locations with large screens), festivals and other events. – from *Wikipedia*
- This worksheet was written to celebrate the 2012 Torch Relay, but can also be adapted for use after the event.

1. Ask the students what they know about the Olympic Games. Gather and organize some information by asking them questions about:
 - The origins of the Olympics (776 BC to 393 AD, Olympia, Greece)
 - The first modern Olympic Games (1896, Athens)
 - The two types of Olympic Games (summer and winter)
 - The Olympics organized in your country (for Italy: Rome summer 1960 – Cortina d'Ampezzo winter 1956 - Turin winter 2006)
 - Number of modern summer Olympic Games (thirty up to and including London 2012)
 - Number of Olympic Games in London (1908, 1948, 2012)
 - Number of sports (26 but the disciplines are more numerous)
 - First and last day of London 2012 (opening ceremony on 27th July – closing ceremony on 12th August)
 - Another multi-sport world-wide event after the Olympics (Paralympics)
2. Tell the students they are going to watch an animated video of the route of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1tOSzGVGeM> – link on www.tuneintoenglish.com). Ask students if they recognise any of the places in the UK – they can study the route on www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay-map (link also on the youtube video). The complete list is on http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Summer_Olympics_torch_relay. Ask them to listen (towards the end of the video) for the following information:
 - the length of the route (8,000 miles),
 - the number of cities in the relay (over 1,000 towns and villages)
 - the duration (70 days).
3. Ask students if they recognise the song in the video. Give each student a copy of the worksheet and ask them to look at the first verse. Ask them to guess the correct word. Play the first verse, students check and correct. Feedback. For all **keys** see complete lyrics.
4. Play the complete song, students complete the other activities. Feedback.
5. Discuss which verses of the song that best represent the spirit of the Olympic Games.

Optional activities:

6. Play the video of the song. Ask students which sights of London they see.
Key: the modern buildings of Canary Wharf, the O2 Arena, the Tower Bridge and the Millennium Wheel
7. Work on a powerpoint presentation of the London and the 2012 Olympic Games. You can see an example on www.tuneintoenglish.com/OLYMPIC_GAMES



Spinnin' For 2012 – Dionne Bromfield & Tinchy Stryder



Stryd, *Dionne*, aha!
It-It's spinnin' again, It-It's spinnin' again, It's uuh spinning again

1. Guess the correct word, then listen to the first part of the song and check.

We go for pain and try to shine in the perfect **minute / moment**
We let it **burn / melt** inside knowing the path is golden
See the strain in our **eyes / hearts**, we're gonna do our best
You and me we give it all until nothing is **here / left**
We're gonna **catch / drop** the light and stay alive
And feel the love **coming / falling** from the flame



2. There is one extra word in each line. Listen and cross it out.

Chorus:

The world keeps on spinning
Changing the lives of the people in it
Nobody really knows where it will take us
But we just hope it gets better, better, better

3. Listen to the next part of the song and circle the correct word.



We can stand the **pain / rain**, the clouds have all gone
World on my shoulder standing so **straight / strong**
Chase my path with all the **blues / clues** gone
Success and I is like a **new / true** one
Dropping it out or **pulling / pushing** this offload
Negative vibe now, we just **look / step** forward
Swinging the **arrow / marrow**, can't push for cold
Winning's the **dream / key**, make it known
The world keeps spinnin' faster
Day by day gets harder
Oh, I'm a soldier
Fight until it's over, yeah
And when the **hope / sun** is gone
Just keep it **long / strong**
And feel the **heat / love** coming from the flame
The darkest **day / night** just see the flame

Repeat Chorus

One day I **hope / know** that it
It will get **better / wetter**
Music is **feeling / healing**
I love the **feeling / healing**
Today I **know / think** that it
It will get **better / wetter**

Music is **feeling / healing**
I love the **feeling / healing**
One **day / way** all people
Will **be / feel** all equal
Until that day **comes / dawns**
I'll just be singing **along / my song**

4. Repeat Chorus Twice - Titchy raps some extra lines, write them down

As the world spins
We'll keep tryin'
If we hold tight
We'll keep shinin'

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We'll keep tryin'
If we hold tight
We'll keep shinin'



Spinnin' For 2012 – Complete



Stryd, *Dionne*, aha!
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We go for pain and try to shine in the perfect **moment**
We let it **burn** inside knowing the path is golden
See the strain in our **eyes**, we're gonna do our best
You and me we give it all until nothing is **left**
We're gonna **catch** the light and stay alive
And feel the love **coming** from the flame

Chorus:

The world keeps ~~on~~ spinning
Changing the lives of ~~the~~ people in it
Nobody ~~really~~ knows where it will take us
But we ~~just~~ hope it gets better, better, better

*We can stand the **rain**, the clouds have all gone
World on my shoulder standing so **strong**
Chase my path with all the **clues** gone
Success and I is like a **true** one
Dropping it out or **pulling** this offload
Negative vibe now, we just **step** forward
Swinging the **arrow**, can't push for cold
Winning's the **key**, make it known
The world keeps spinnin' faster
Day by day gets harder
Oh, I'm a soldier
Fight until it's over, yeah
And when the **hope** is gone
Just keep it **strong**
And feel the **love** coming from the flame
The darkest **day** just see the flame*

Repeat Chorus

One day I **know** that it
It will get **better**
Music is **healing**
I love the **feeling**
Today I **know** that it
It will get **better**

Music is **healing**
I love the **feeling**
One **day** all people
Will **be** all equal
Until that day **comes**
I'll just be singing **my song**

Repeat Chorus twice (with Tinchy's lines):

The world keeps spinning
Changing the lives of people in it
Nobody knows where it will take us

We don't know

But we hope it gets better, better, better

The world keeps spinning

It goes round and round

Changing the lives of people in it
Nobody knows where it will take us

We don't know

But we hope it gets better, better, better

As the world spins
We'll keep tryin'
If we hold tight
We'll keep shinin'

As the world spins
We'll keep tryin'
If we hold tight
We'll keep shinin'