



Talk - Coldplay - Notes



- **Activity type:** gap fill, listening for specific words.
 - **Time:** 20 mins.
 - **Note:** This is taken from Coldplay's 2005 album "X&Y", and is based around the riff of the Kraftwerk song "Computer Love". The band were initially unhappy with song, but eventually decided to include it on the album – the song was subsequently nominated for a 2007 Grammy Award.
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Pre-listening activity:

- 1) Ask students if they know the band Coldplay. Elicit a list of the band's hits.

While-listening activities:

- 2) Play the instrumental introduction to the song (the first 37 seconds). Let students guess the name of the song.
- 3) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Play the first part of the song - students complete Exercise 1).
- 4) Play the Chorus – students complete Exercise 2).
- 5) Play the next verse – students complete Exercise 3). If they need help you can point out that each segment is half a line – the first part of each line begins with a capital letter, the second part with a small letter.
- 6) Play the Chorus (the next part of the song) – students complete Exercise 4). Note that this is the same as Exercise 2) and is repeated here as there are some slight difference in the lyrics.
- 7) Students complete Exercise 5), then play the final verse.
- 8) Play the complete song again. Students check their answers to the previous exercises and follow the lyrics.
- 9) Sing the song together.



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1) Listen to the first part of the song and underline the correct option.

Oh brother I can't, I can't get *through* / *to*
 I've been trying *far* / *hard* to reach you 'cause I don't know what to do
 Oh brother I can't believe it's *true* / *you*
 I'm so *scared* / *rare* about the future and I wanna *talk* / *walk* to you
 Oh I wanna talk to you



2) Listen to the Chorus and fill in the blanks.

You can take a picture of _____ you see
 And in the future _____ I be?
 You could climb a _____ up to the sun
 Or write a song nobody had _____
 Or do something that's never been _____



3) Listen to the next part of the song, and number the following lines in the correct order.

- () you can't find your missing piece?
- () Tell me
- () Well I feel like
- () it to me
- () they're talking in a language I don't speak
- () And they're talking
- () or incomplete?
- () Do you feel like a puzzle,
- () how you feel?
- () Are you lost

4) Listen to the Chorus and fill in the blanks (note: same exercise as 2).

So you take a picture of _____ you see
 In the future _____ I be?
 You could climb a _____ up to the sun
 Or write a song nobody had _____
 Or do something that's never been _____
 Or do something that's never been _____



5) Put the following words in the correct space, then listen and check.

anyone feel going ignored making sense

So you don't know where you're _____ but you wanna talk
 And you _____ like you're going where you've been before
 You'll tell _____ who'll listen but you feel _____
 Nothing's really _____ any _____ at all,
 Let's talk, let's talk,
 Let's talk, let's talk.



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Oh brother I can't, I can't get through
I've been trying hard to reach you
Cos I don't know what to do
Oh brother I can't believe it's true
I'm so scared about the future and
I wanna talk to you
Oh I wanna talk to you

Chorus:

You can take a picture of something you see
And in the future where will I be?
You could climb a ladder up to the sun
Or write a song nobody had sung, or do
Something that's never been done

Are you lost or incomplete?
Do you feel like a puzzle?
You can't find your missing piece
Tell me how you feel?
Well I feel like they're talking in a language I don't speak
And they're talking it to me

Chorus:

So you take a picture of something you see
In the future where will I be?
You could climb a ladder up to the sun
Or write a song nobody had sung, or do
Something that's never been done, or do
Something that's never been done

So you don't know where you're going
But you wanna talk
And you feel like you're going where you've been before
You'll tell anyone who will listen but you feel ignored
And nothing's really making any sense at all
Let's talk, let's talk
Let's talk, let's talk