



Thinking Out Loud – Ed Sheeran – Notes



- **Activity types:** game, gap fill, listening for specific words.
- **Level:** Elementary
- **Vocabulary:** Parts of the body
- **Language focus:** Imperative
- **Notes:** In April 2015 this became 24-year-old English sing-songwriter Ed Sheeran's second million-selling single in the U.K., after 44 weeks in the Top 40 charts. The song was inspired by his girlfriend and the music of Van Morrison. The music video features Sheeran dancing with ballroom dancer Brittany Cherry.

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1. To revise the vocabulary referring to the human body, play Simon Says. Issue instructions to the students, such as "Touch your head"... etc. – they should only complete the action if you preface the phrase with the words "Simon says". Try to use all of the vocabulary on this worksheet. Students can continue to play in pairs.
 2. Play the song and ask students to listen for the parts of the body (they can list the words or, more fun, touch the part of the body as they hear it).
 3. Give each student a copy of the worksheet and ask them to complete the lyrics with the parts of the body. They should be able to complete most of this without listening to the song.
 4. Play the song. Students check their answers.
Key: see complete version of the song below
 5. Correct in open class, play the song again and sing together!
 - **Grammar Focus** Ask students to find examples of imperatives in the song.
Key: take, kiss, play



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Complete the song with parts of the body, then listen and check.

When your _____ don't work like they used to before
And I can't sweep you off of your _____
Will your _____ still remember the taste of my love
Will your _____ still smile from your _____

And darling I will be loving you 'til we're 70
And baby my _____ could still fall as hard at 23
And I'm thinking 'bout how people fall in love in mysterious ways
Maybe just the touch of a _____
Oh me I fall in love with you every single day
And I just wanna tell you I am

So honey now
Take me into your loving _____
Kiss me under the light of a thousand stars
Place your _____ on my beating _____
I'm thinking out loud
Maybe we found love right where we are



When my _____ 's all but gone and my memory fades
And the crowds don't remember my name
When my _____ don't play the strings the same way, mmm
I know you will still love me the same

'Cause honey your soul could never grow old, it's evergreen
Baby your smile's forever in my mind and memory

I'm thinking 'bout how people fall in love in mysterious ways
Maybe it's all part of a plan
I'll just keep on making the same mistakes
Hoping that you'll understand

But baby now
Take me into your loving _____
Kiss me under the light of a thousand stars
Place your _____ on my beating _____
I'm thinking out loud
That maybe we found love right where we are, oh

(Ah la la, la la la, la la la, la la la la)

So baby now
Take me into your loving arms
Kiss me under the light of a thousand stars
Oh darling, place your _____ on my beating _____
I'm thinking out loud
That maybe we found love right where we are

Oh maybe we found love right where we are
And we found love right where we are



Thinking Out Loud – Ed Sheeran – Complete



When your **legs** don't work like they used to before
And I can't sweep you off of your **feet**
Will your **mouth** still remember the taste of my love
Will your **eyes** still smile from your **cheeks**

And darling I will be loving you 'til we're 70
And baby my **heart** could still fall as hard at 23
And I'm thinking 'bout how people fall in love in mysterious ways
Maybe just the touch of a **hand**
Oh me I fall in love with you every single day
And I just wanna tell you I am

So honey now
Take me into your loving **arms**
Kiss me under the light of a thousand stars
Place your **head** on my beating **heart**
I'm thinking out loud
Maybe we found love right where we are

When my **hair's** all but gone and my memory fades
And the crowds don't remember my name
When my **hands** don't play the strings the same way, mmm
I know you will still love me the same

'Cause honey your soul could never grow old, it's evergreen
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