



Waterloo – ABBA – Notes

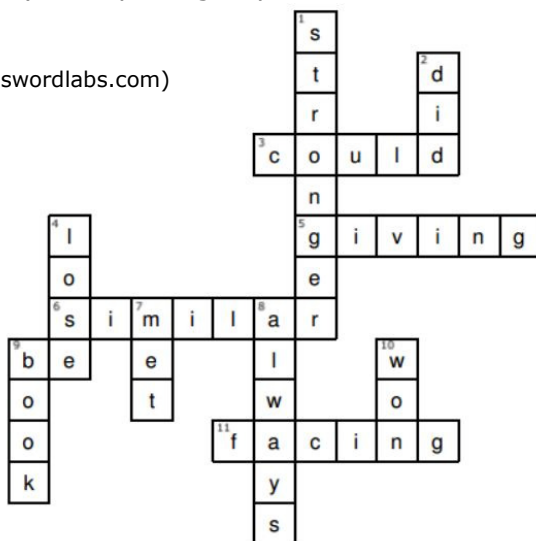


- **Activity types:** Vocabulary (definitions - crossword), listening for specific words, gap fill, reporting and writing biographies
- **Level:** Pre-Intermediate/Intermediate
- **Grammar Focus:** Grammar Review
- **Notes:** This is the first single from Swedish pop group ABBA's second album, *Waterloo*, and the first single to be credited as "ABBA". The song won the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest.
The title refers to a historical event: in the song a girl is about to surrender to a love story, just as Napoleon had to surrender at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

1. Give each student a folded copy of the worksheet and ask them to complete the crossword in Activity 1, individually or in pairs/groups.

Key:

(crossword created on crosswordlabs.com)



2. Play the song. Ask students to listen for the words from the previous activity and tick them as they hear them.

KEY: See complete version of the song

3. Feedback, then students unfold the page and fill in the gaps with the missing words, based on their answers to the previous activity and context.
4. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in groups, then correct in open class and sing together!

FOLLOW UP:

Students search the web for more information about Napoleon and the Battle of Waterloo. Then they report the information they have found. Finally students can write a short paragraph about Napoleon's life.



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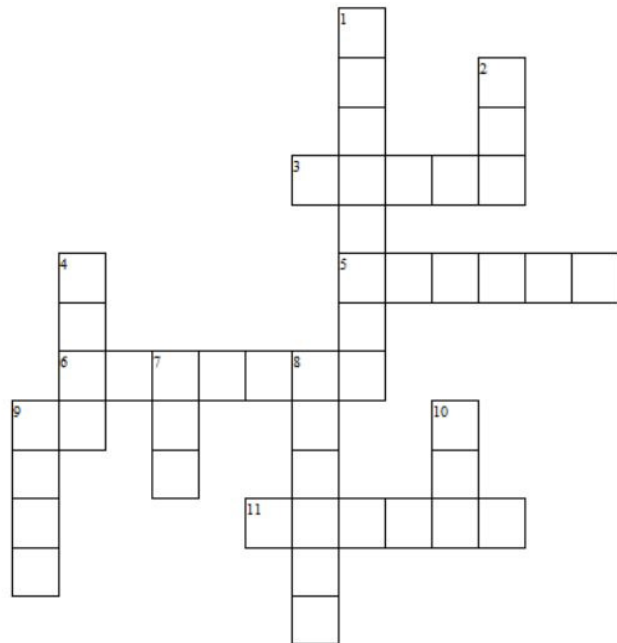
Activity 1. Complete the crossword:

Across

- 3. Past simple or conditional of can
- 5. _____ up - a phrasal verb for stopping
- 6. The opposite of different
- 9. The most common verb in English
- 11. - ing form of face

Down

- 1. Comparative form of strong
- 2. Past simple of auxiliary do
- 4. The base form of lost
- 7. Past participle of meet
- 8. The opposite of never
- 9. It's made of pages
- 10. Past simple of win



FOLD

Activity 2. Complete the song with the words from the previous activity:

My, my, at Waterloo Napoleon _____ surrender
 Oh yeah, and I have _____ my destiny in quite a _____ way
 The history _____ on the shelf
 Is _____ repeating itself

Chorus:

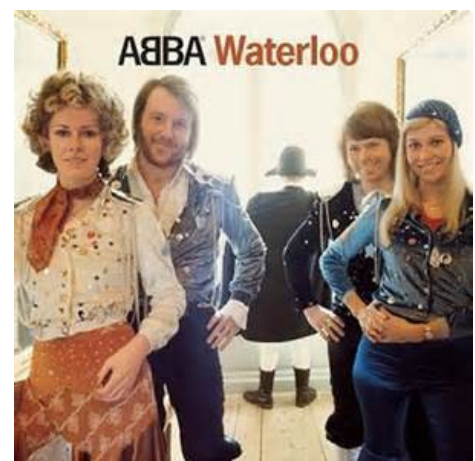
Waterloo - I was defeated, you _____ the war
Waterloo - Promise to love you for ever more
Waterloo - _____ n't escape if I wanted to
Waterloo - Knowing my fate is to _____ with you
Ooooh, Waterloo - Finally _____ my Waterloo

My, my, I tried to hold you back but you were _____
 Oh yeah, and now it seems my only chance is _____ the fight
 And how _____ I ever refuse
 I feel like I win when I _____

Repeat chorus

So how _____ I ever refuse
 I feel like I win when I _____

Waterloo - _____ n't escape if I wanted to
Waterloo - Knowing my fate is to _____ with you
Woah, Waterloo - Finally _____ my Waterloo
Waterloo - Knowing my fate is to _____ with you
Woah, Waterloo - Finally _____ my Waterloo





Waterloo – ABBA – Complete



My, my, at Waterloo Napoleon did surrender
Oh yeah, and I have met my destiny in quite a similar way
The history book on the shelf
Is always repeating itself

Waterloo - I was defeated, you won the war
Waterloo - Promise to love you for ever more
Waterloo - Couldn't escape if I wanted to
Waterloo - Knowing my fate is to be with you
Waterloo - Finally facing my Waterloo

My, my, I tried to hold you back but you were stronger
Oh yeah, and now it seems my only chance is giving up the fight
And how could I ever refuse
I feel like I win when I lose

Repeat Chorus

So how could I ever refuse
I feel like I win when I lose

Waterloo - Couldn't escape if I wanted to
Waterloo - Knowing my fate is to be with you
Waterloo - Finally facing my Waterloo
Waterloo - Knowing my fate is to be with you
Waterloo - Finally facing my Waterloo