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# Engage with the Beat: Innovative 'Watch & Catch' ESL Lesson with 2023's Chart-Topping Music Videos



## Description

Welcome to the interactive 'Watch & Catch' ESL lesson with chart-topping music video excerpts from 2023! Designed for learners A2 level and above, this activity skillfully blends listening and writing skills for an engaging English learning experience. Students will **WATCH** these extracts, immersing themselves in the world of Pink, Ed Sheeran, Jax Jones, Calum Scott & Jack Harlow, and then **CATCH** specific visuals in the videos along with words in the lyrics. The lesson focuses on adjectives, prepositions, body parts, family words, adverbs of frequency, colors, and numbers. Adaptable for all ages, this real-world material makes learning English both exciting and relevant. Download the instruction PDF now, and let the learning begin!

**Language level:** A2 and above

**Learner type:** All ages

**Skills:** listening, writing, speaking

**Topic:** varied Language and grammar: adjectives, prepositions, subjects related to the song

**Materials:** Music video excerpts (hosted on blog)

**Duration:** 20 -30 min



# STEP-BY-STEP LESSON PLAN

## Step 1: Introduction (5 min)

Explain to your students that they will be doing a fun 'Watch & Catch' activity. They will watch five music video excerpts. **In each video, they will need to find two things: one visual element in the video and one word or phrase in the song lyrics.** For each video, they earn a point for each correct item they find. The team with the most points at the end wins! They will be looking and listening for a variety of things, like colors, numbers, adjectives, and family words. This activity is a fun way to practice listening and observation skills in English.

## Step 2: Team Formation (2 min)

Divide your class into teams. Ensure students understand to write down their answers for later discussion, not to shout them out.

## Step 3: Video Viewing (10 - 15 min)

Before playing each video excerpt, write the elements students should 'catch' on the board and have them give you examples to make sure they know exactly what to look for and listen to.

Each video extract is recorded three times to give students ample opportunities to catch the elements.

Here are the things to find and listen to for each video (you'll find the answers in the last page of this pdf)

Video 1 - P!nk - Trustfall	Find a number
Listen to a part of the body or 1 Preposition	Video 4 - Jack Harlow - They Don't Love It
Find a Temporary home with many rooms	Listen to family words
Video 2 - Ed Sheeran - Spark	Find a fruit
Listen to a color	Video 5 - Ed Sheeran - End Of Youth
Find a means of transportation	Listen to adverbs of frequency (always, never)
Video 3 - Jax Jones, Calum Scott - Whistle	Find a musical instrument (acoustic guitar)
Listen to parts of the body	

## Step 4: Discussion (5 min)

Allow time for teams to discuss and finalize their answers. Each team captain will then write their answers on a paper and hand it to you.

## Step 5: Scoring (5 min)

Reveal the answers one by one, playing each video excerpt again if needed. Keep score of the students' points on the board. The team with the most points wins! This fun, interactive lesson is perfect for enhancing listening and writing skills using popular music!

This song-based lesson plan idea is sure to spice up your classes! However, would you like to think, feel and act more creatively **on your own to be able to turn ANY song you want into an engaging lesson plan?**

**The ebook 10 Song Activity IDEas For ELT has more TIME-SAVING ideas that do the heavy work so you can focus on the most important: INSPIRING and MOTIVATING YOUR STUDENTS to learn CREATIVELY!**



That's it for this week.

Check the [Song Activity Factory](#) for more song activity ideas and song-based lesson plans!

Happy teaching! :)

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## ANSWERS

### Video 1 - P!NK - TRUSTFALL

Listen to a part of the body (eyes) or 1 Preposition (behind)

Find a Temporary home with many rooms (hotel)

Lyrics key: Close your **eyes** and leave it all **behind**/ Go where love is on our side It's a trust fall, baby /It's a trust fall, baby What if we just fall?

### Video 2 - Ed Sheeran - Spark

Listen to a color (blue)

Find a means of transportation (boat)

Lyrics key: Oh, I hate to see you cry /There've been times where the truth lied

Now, it's clear as a **blue** sky /Like a Band-Aid over deeper cuts, we tried

We couldn't stop the fate descending on the night

### Video 3 - Jax Jones, Calum Scott - Whistle

Listen to parts of the body (hand, heart)

Find a number (156)

Lyrics key: Baby, if we only got tonight (tonight)/Then I wanna spend it by your side (by your side)

If you wanna give love one last try (one last try)/Just put your **hand** on your **heart** and whistle

### Video 4 - Jack Harlow - They Don't Love It

Listen to family words (brother, mother - pop\*)

Find a fruit (strawberry)

Lyrics key: Another day, another dollar, another phone with another feature/I don't play goalie but I'm my **brother's** keeper /Surrounded by family, I'm not with other people /They say I got my pop's demeanor and **mother's** features /The garden still private as ever, the gang thriving together

### Video 5 - Ed Sheeran - End Of Youth

Listen to adverbs of frequency (always, never)

Find a musical instrument (acoustic guitar)

Lyrics key: No one knows what they want, just give you what I feel/And I'm still feeling higher, all alone is **always** near /When I'm down but I **never** see you, when I'm up you are up here /It's been a long year and we're not even halfway wait