

Merry Christmas, Ed Sheeran & Elton John together!

Ed Sheeran & Elton John!! a great collaboration with an amazing song: **Merry Christmas!**

Description:

This song-based STEP-BY-STEP LESSON PLAN for ENGLISH language TEACHING features **Merry Christmas** by Ed Sheeran & Elton John. Students **TALK** about snow angels/snow butterflies, work in pairs to talk about winter themed pictures, **PLAY** a music video lottery in groups. There are optional exercises for **A2** (vowel sounds), **B1** (interactive worksheet with word search and listening exercise) and **B2 Cambridge English: first (Interactive worksheet: use of English part 2)**.

OBS: This lesson plan was made for **ONLINE TEACHING**, but it can be modified for face-to-face instruction, as well.

Language level: A2, B1 (interactive worksheet), B2 (interactive worksheet)
Learner type: All ages
Skills: speaking, reading, listening and writing
Topic: winter activities, Christmas
Materials: YouTube video, genial.ly presentation, interactive worksheets
Duration: 45 min - 1 hour
Download your free teaching resources: [noninteractive worksheet b1](#). pdf; [noninteractive use of English worksheet](#).pdf

STEP-BY-STEP LESSON PLAN

Step 1 (5 min)

Write on the board: SNOW ANGEL. Ask: "What is a 'SNOW ANGEL' ?" Have them give you their guesses.

Then, show them the picture in slide 01. Genial.ly Presentation. [LINK](#) and say

"This is a snow angel. Do you know how to make one?"

Step 2 (5 min)

Show slide 2. Show the gif of someone making a snow angel/butterfly and ask students if they've ever made one or if they'd like to and why. Tell them that some people also call it **"SNOW BUTTERFLY"**. Ask them if it looks more like an angel or a butterfly and why.

Step 3 (10 min)

Slide 03. Ask, "What are the people doing in the pictures?" Have students describe each picture. **Pair work (breakout rooms)**. have students work in pairs and answer the questions:

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In which picture would you like to be and why? Is there any activity you wouldn't like to do? why? (obs. the pictures are from the music video).

Step 4 (10 min)

Music Video Lottery. Slide 04. Tell students they are going to watch the music video for the song. However, before watching the video, they are going to play a **Music Video Lottery**:

Divide students into **groups**. Show the slide 4 with the pictures. (Clock, Lion, Cat, Dog, Snowboarding, Surfing, TV, Radio, Horse). Explain that **only five** of those things will appear on the video. Their task is to choose the things and come up with reasons why they chose them. (The aim here is for them to use their imagination to come up with creative reasons why those things would appear on the video). Tell them that **the crazier the better!**

Examples of student's explanations: " we chose the picture of snowboarding because this is a typical activity for winter, so it's probably going to be in the video" or " we chose the picture of surfing because maybe they want to show how the activities change from summer to winter in the video!"

Step 5 (7 min)

Put the groups in **breakout rooms** and give them 5 min to choose the pictures.

When the time's up, have the **group captains** send their list of things via **chat box privately**, for you to check later who got more right things. Have students from the groups explain their choices.

Step 6 (10 min)

Play the music video for them to check. **Answer:** Clock, Lion, Cat, Snowboarding, TV. **obs.** the lion appears in the beginning of the video behind Elton John.

BONUS QUESTION!

How many sunglasses appear in the video? a.3 b.7 c. **9**

PLAY THE video again for them to check and count! (you will probably have some dispute over the number NINE LOL, in this case, **show slide 5 with the visual proof!**)

A2 – VOWEL SOUNDS exercise with words from the lyrics (SLIDE 6 in the genially presentation)

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Put the words below in the correct column according to their vowel sounds. OBS: some words will not be used!

both	know	sing
come	maybe	snow
eyes	mistletoe	so
fire	night	time
gather	now	toast
glass	pain	while
glow	pray	Wine
kissing	raging	Would

go /geu/	five /faz/	say /sez/

B1- INTERACTIVE WORKSHEET with Word Search + Listening . **Description:** students find words from the lyrics in the word search, then listen to the song and fill the gaps with the words they found. For students to see their results, tell them to click **FINISH!!** and then **CHECK MY ANSWERS!**

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Exercise 2: Listen to the song and complete the lyrics with the words you've found in exercise 1!

[Intro]
Build the fire and gather 'round the [1]
Fill the glass and maybe come and sing with me

[Chorus]
So kiss me under the [2]
Pour out the wine, let's toast and pray for
December snow
I know there's been pain this year, but it's time to
let it go
Next [3] you never know
But for now, Merry Christmas, we'll
Dance in the kitchen while embers glow
We've both known love, but this love we got is the
best of all
I wish you could see it through my [4]
then you would know
My God, you look beautiful
Right now, Merry Christmas.

[Verse 1]
The fire is raging on
And we'll all sing along to this song
Just having so much [5]

[Pre-Chorus]
Ah-ah-ah-ah
Ah-ah-ah-ah

Repeat [Chorus]

[Verse 2]
I feel it when it comes
Every year helping us carry on
Filled up with so much [6]
All the [5] and friends are together
where we all belong
Merry Christmas, everyone

Repeat [Pre-Chorus]

[Outro]
It's Christmas time for you and I
We'll have a good night and a Merry Christmas
(repeat 4x)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B2 – INTERACTIVE WORKSHEET – Cambridge English First Style Use of English part 2.

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USE OF ENGLISH PART 2

For questions 1 - 10, read the lyrics below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There's an example at the beginning [0]

Build the fire and gather 'round the [0] trees. Fill the glass and maybe come and sing [1] me.
So kiss me under the mistletoe. Pour out the wine, let's toast and pray for december snow. I know there's [2] pain this year, but it's time [3] let it go.
Next year, you never know, but for now, Merry Christmas!
We'll dance [4] the kitchen while embers glow.
We've both known love, but this love we got is the best [5] all.
I wish you [6] see it through my eyes, then you would know.
My God, you look beautiful right [7].
Merry Christmas!

The fire is raging on and we'll all sing along to this song just having so [8] fun.
While we're here, can we all spare a thought for the ones who [9] gone?
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I feel it when it comes every year helping us carry [10].
Filled up with so much love, all the family and friends are together where we all belong.
Merry Christmas, everyone

It's Christmas time for you and I.
We'll have a good night and a Merry Christmas

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