

Teacher Notes: “Please, Please, Please Let Me Get What I Want”

This is a good song to teach English language learners. The words are fairly simple and the song is short – the singing is done by about 1 minute and 20 seconds into the song!

Here’s how I taught “Please Please Please”:

1. Students listen to the song without writing anything or having the handouts (1-2 times)
2. Students listen and individually write down what they can (1-3 times)
3. Students compare their notes to try to piece together the lyrics to the song (~5 minutes)
4. Students listen again (1 time)
5. Students listen again and do the fill-in-the-blanks worksheet as a group (2-3 times)
6. Students read over the complete lyrics while listening to the song. Give each student a copy of the lyrics.

Please, Please, Please...

by The Smiths

Good times for a _____

See, the luck I've had

Can make a good man

So please please please

Let me, let me, let me

Let me _____

Haven't had a _____ in a long time

See, the life I've had

Can make a good man bad

So for _____

Let me _____

Lord knows, _____

Lord knows, _____



The Smiths, 1982 to 1987

Please, Please, Please Let Me Get What I Want

by The Smiths

Good times for a change
See, the luck I've had
Can make a good man
Turn bad

So please please please
Let me, let me, let me
Let me get what I want
This time

Haven't had a dream in a long time
See, the life I've had
Can make a good man bad

So for once in my life
Let me get what I want
Lord knows, it would be the first time
Lord knows, it would be the first time



Johnny Marr, Morrissey, Mike Joyce, Andy Rourke