

1) Read a bit about the author of the song and answer the questions:

**Jonathan William Coulton** (born December 1, 1970), often called "JoCo" by fans, is an American folk/comedy singer-songwriter. In the past Jonathan worked as a computer programmer for Cluen, a New York City software company. He likes writing lyrics about science fiction and technology (For example, his famous song "[Code Monkey](#)"). He can play not only the guitar, bass, and drums but also some other instruments: accordion, harmonica, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, zendrum and glockenspiel. He released the song IKEA in November, 2003. There are fifty-two IKEA stores in the United States now (November 04, 2021)

1) Is Jonathan fifty-one years old?    Yes    No

2) Does Jonathan's call himself JoCo?    Yes    No

3) Does he work for a software company?    Yes    No

2) Look at the words that mean materials in the song. Connect the pictures and the names of the materials. Use a dictionary if you need.    Oak   Pine   Steel   Birch   Plywood



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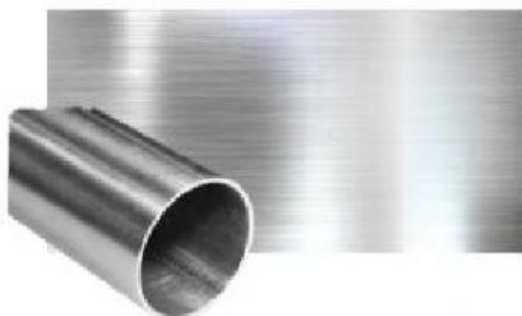
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3) Look at some words from the song and connect them to the definitions

fold (verb) divorced apartment bucks furniture rent (verb)

Objects in the house: tables, chairs and beds \_\_\_\_\_

a set of rooms for living in that includes a kitchen and a bathroom (British English: flat) \_\_\_\_\_

to pay money for the use of a room, house, car, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

If a piece of furniture \_\_\_\_\_s, you can make it smaller or move it to a different position (because you can bend it)

Now not married to your ex-wife or ex-husband \_\_\_\_\_

(Informal) US, Canadian, or Australian dollars \_\_\_\_\_

4) Now listen to Jonathan's song IKEA and put a tick (✓) if the word is correct or put a cross (X) if the word is not correct

5) Then listen to Jonathan's song IKEA again and write "no" in the boxes near the ticks (✓) and correct words where you have a cross (X)

Song

Examples: 0 and 1

0) **Long ago** in 1) **months** of yore

0)  no 1)  days

It all 2) **began** with a god named Thor

2)   \_\_\_\_\_

There were Vikings and boats

And some plans for a **furniture** 3) **shop**

3)   \_\_\_\_\_

It's not a bodega, it's not 4) **a shopping center**

4)   \_\_\_\_\_

And they sell things for **apartments** smaller than 5) **mine** 5)   \_\_\_\_\_

As if there were apartments smaller than 5) **mine**

IKEA Just some **oak** and some **pine** and a handful of Norsemen

IKEA Selling 6) **chairs** for college kids and **divorced** men 6)   \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone has a home

But if you don't have a home you can 7) **sell** one there 7)   \_\_\_\_\_

So **rent** a car or take 8) **the bus**

8)   \_\_\_\_\_

Lay your 9) **cards** down and put your trust

9)   \_\_\_\_\_

In the land where the furniture **folds** to a much smaller size

Billy the 10) **wardrobe** says hello

10)   \_\_\_\_\_

And so does a 11) **table** whose name is Ingo

11)   \_\_\_\_\_

And the 12) **armchair** is a ladder-back **birch** but his friends call him Karl

12)   \_\_\_\_\_

IKEA Just some oak and some pine and a handful of Norsemen

IKEA Selling 13) **chairs** for college kids and divorced men

13) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone has a home

But if you don't have a home you can 14) **sell** one there 14) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

IKEA **Plywood**, brushed **steel**

IKEA Meatballs, tasty

IKEA Allen wrenches

All of 15) **they** for free

All of 15) **they** for me 15) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

I'm sorry I said IKEA sucks

I just bought a table for 16) **70 bucks** 16) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

And a chair and 17) **a lamp** 17) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

And 18) **a sink** and some candles for you 18) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

I was a doubter just like you

'Til I saw the 19) **American** dream come true 19) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

In New Jersey, they got a god-damned Swedish parade

IKEA Just some oak and some pine and a handful of Norsemen

IKEA Selling 20) **chairs** for college kids and divorced men

20) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone has a home

But if you don't have a home you can 21) **sell** one there 21) ✓ X \_\_\_\_\_