

STUDENT WORKSHEET

Talking About Summer Vacation through Music

Song: "Summertime Sadness" – Lana Del Rey

Part A – First Reaction (Listening for Gist)

Listen to the song **without lyrics**.

1. Check the words that best describe the song's mood:

☐ happy

☐ sad

☐ Nostalgic

☐ romantic

☐ intense

☐ energetic

☐ calm

2. In one sentence, answer: 🗣️ *What do you think the song is mainly about?*

Part B – Meaning & Metaphor (Listening for Detail)

Read the lyric excerpts below.

Do **not** translate them word by word. Focus on **ideas, feelings, and symbols**.

Lyric Excerpts

A. "I got that summertime, summertime sadness"

B. "Loving you is a losing game"

C. "Think I'll miss you forever"

D. "Got my red dress on tonight"

E. "Kiss me hard before you go"

F. "It's you, it's you, it's all for you"

Task 1 – Match the line to its main idea

Write the letter (A–F).

1. ____ Intense emotions and urgency
2. ____ Love connected to pain or loss
3. ____ Memories that don't disappear
4. ____ A strong emotional focus on one person
5. ____ Summer as a symbol, not just a season
6. ____ Visual image that creates a mood

Task 2 – Metaphor or Literal? For each line, decide if the meaning is **more literal** or **more metaphorical**.

Line	Literal	Metaphorical
A. <i>"I got that summertime, summertime sadness"</i>		
B. <i>"Loving you is a losing game"</i>		
C. <i>"Think I'll miss you forever"</i>		
D. <i>"Got my red dress on tonight"</i>		
E. <i>"Kiss me hard before you go"</i>		
F. <i>"It's you, it's you, it's all for you"</i>		

Part C – Pronunciation & Emotion

Listen again and choose **one line**. Read it aloud focusing on: stress, rhythm, emotion

👉 Which word is stressed the most? Why?

Part D – Personal Connection (Speaking) - Answer orally.

1. Which line best connects to **your summer vacation**? Why?
2. Was your summer more **happy, sad, or mixed**?
3. Complete the sentence:

For me, summer is a time when...