

Driver's license by Olivia Rodrigo

- A) What do you know about the singer Olivia Rodrigo?
- B) Read her brief biography and check your ideas.

Olivia Isabel Rodrigo, who was born on February 20th, 2013, is an American singer-songwriter and actress. She grew up in the neighbourhood called Temecula, California. She gained recognition with her lead roles on the Disney television programmes *Bizaardvark* and *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series*. After signing with Geffen and Interscope Records, Rodrigo released her debut single "Driver's License" in 2021, which broke various records and became one of the best-selling songs of the year, propelling her to mainstream fame. She followed it up with the singles "Deja Vu" and "Good 4 U". She is nominated in seven categories at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards, including Best New Artist, Album of the Year for *Sour*, and Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Driver's License".



- c) Let's work with the song! Which are the past forms of the following verbs?

Get – drive – use – talk – be – cross – can – make – write – say

- d) There is a negative form of the verb mean, how do you form it?
- e) Don't listen to the song yet! Complete it with the past forms of the verbs above including the negative. Be careful! Some verbs can be used more than once.

Lyrics

I _____ my driver's license last week
Just like we always _____ about
'Cause you _____ so excited for me
To finally drive up to your house
But today I _____ through the suburbs
Crying 'cause you weren't around

And you're probably with that blonde girl
Who always _____ me doubt
She's so much older than me
She's everything I'm insecure about
Yeah, today I _____ through the suburbs
'Cause how _____ I ever love someone else?

And I know we weren't perfect but I've never felt this way for no one
And I just can't imagine how you _____ be so okay now that I'm gone
Guess you _____ what you _____ in that song about me
'Cause you _____ forever, now I drive alone past your street

And all my friends are tired
Of hearing how much I miss you, but
I kinda feel sorry for them
'Cause they'll never know you the way that I do, yeah
Today I _____ through the suburbs
And pictured I was driving home to you

And I know we weren't perfect
But I've never felt this way for no one, oh
And I just can't imagine how you _____ be so okay, now that I'm gone
I guess you _____ what you _____ in that song about me
'Cause you _____ forever, now I drive alone past your street

Red lights, stop signs
 I still see your face in the white cars, front yards
 Can't drive past the places we used to go to
 'Cause I still fuckin' love you, babe (ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh)
 Sidewalks we _____
 I still hear your voice in the traffic, we're laughing
 Over all the noise
 God, I'm so blue, know we're through
 But I still fuckin' love you, babe (ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh)

I know we weren't perfect but I've never felt this way for no one
 And I just can't imagine how you _____ be so okay, now that I'm gone
 'Cause you _____ what you _____ in that song about me
 'Cause you _____ forever, now I drive alone past your street
 Yeah, you _____ forever, now I drive alone past your street.

NOW LISTEN TO THE SONG AND CHECK YOUR ANSWERS!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmDBbnmKpqQ>

f) What are the meanings of these words in the song? Match them with their definitions.

SUBURBS	Feeling or showing sadness.
YARDS	A path with a hard surface on one or both sides of a road, that people walk on. (UK pavement)
SIDEWALKS	In or to a position that is further than a particular point.
BLUE	The outer area of a town, rather than the shopping and business centre in the middle.
PAST	A piece of land next to a house, usually used for growing flowers, grass, and other plants.

g) Find in the song examples of: PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS TENSES.

h) Choose three adjectives from the song and write your own examples.

i) How does the singer feel? Find examples of that feeling in the song.

j) Do you like the song? Why/Why not?
