

SONG We Are the Champions

a Listen to the song. Some of the phrases in **bold** are right, and some are wrong. Tick (✓) the right phrases, and cross (✗) the wrong ones.

We Are the Champions

- 1 I've **paid** my dues
- 2 Time after time
- 3 I've **completed** my sentence
- 4 **Committed** no crime
- 5 And **terrible** mistakes
- 6 I've made **a few**
- 7 I've had my share of sand **thrown in my face**
- 8 **But I've come** through
(And we can go on and on and on and on)

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CHORUS

- 9 We are the champions, **my friend**
- 10 And **we'll carry on** fighting till the end
- 11 We are the champions
- 12 We are the champions
- 13 No **time for winners**
- 14 'Cause we are the champions of the world

- 15 I've **taken** my bows
- 16 And my curtain calls
- 17 You **showed** me fame and fortune and everything that goes with it
- 18 I **thank** you all

- 19 And it's **been** no bed of roses
- 20 No pleasure cruise
- 21 I consider it a challenge before **the entire human race**
- 22 That I'd never lose
(And we can go on and on and on and on)

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CHORUS
REPEAT CHORUS

B Listen again and correct the wrong phrases.

C Match the phrases from the song (1–8) with their meanings (a–h).

1 paid my dues	a the time when actors come out at the end of the show in a theatre to receive the applause of the audience
2 come through	b being well known and having money
3 curtain calls	c not an easy or pleasant situation
4 fame and fortune	d survive
5 no bed of roses	e the people in the world
6 pleasure cruise	f worked hard and paid what I owed
7 challenge	g (literally) a trip in a boat, (in this context) something easy and fun
8 human race	h something new and difficult that you want to try to do

GLOSSARY

'cause = because
I ain't gonna = I'm not going to

SONG FACTS

We Are the Champions was first recorded by Queen in 1977 and was written by their lead singer, Freddie Mercury. The song is about how the group made their way to the top of their profession, and achieved great success. Freddie Mercury himself said that it could be interpreted as his version of Sinatra's *My Way* but that he also had the idea of a football anthem in mind. In fact, it's become the anthem of successful sport teams around the world.