

10B SONG ABC

- a Listen to the song, verse by verse, and fill in the blanks 1–10 with a verb from the list.

ABC

VERSE 1 make repeat take teach

You went to school to learn, girl
 Things you never, never knew before
 Like **I before E except after C**
 And why **two plus two** ¹makes **four**, now now now,
 I'm gonna ²_____ you (Teach you, teach you)
 All about love, dear (All about love)
 Sit yourself down, ³_____ a seat
 All you gotta do is ⁴_____ after me.

Chorus

A B C, Easy as

One, two, three, Or simple as

Do re mi, A B C,

One, two, three, baby, you and me girl!

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VERSE 2 listen (x2) love show(x2) spell

Come on, let me ⁵_____ you just a little bit!
 I'm going to teach you how to sing it out!
 Come on, come on, come on, let me ⁶_____
 you what it's all about!

Reading, writing, arithmetic are the
 Branches of the learning tree

But ⁷_____! Without the roots of love every
 day girl,

Your education ain't complete

Teacher's gonna ⁸_____ you

How to get an A!

⁹_____ "me" "you," add the two

¹⁰_____ to me baby, that's all you gotta do!

Chorus

That's how easy love can be (x2)

Sing a simple melody

One two three, you and me



- b Read the lyrics and match the **bold** phrases in the song to their meanings.

- 1 _____ the first three musical notes
- 2 _____ the first three letters of the alphabet
- 3 _____ a math sum
- 4 _____ the first three numbers
- 5 _____ three school subjects
- 6 _____ a rule about spelling

SONG FACTS

ABC was a big hit for The Jackson Five in 1970. Michael Jackson sang the lead vocals on the song, at the age of just 11 years old. The song was more recently recorded by the cast of *Glee* in the American musical comedy series.

GLOSSARY

gotta = got to (= have to, must)
 branches, roots = parts of a tree
 ain't = isn't
 get an "A" = get the highest grade on a test or exam