

## 1A SONG Rio



### Rio

Moving on the floor now babe, you're a bird of paradise  
<sup>1</sup> Cherry ice cream smile, I suppose it's very nice (*a fruit*)  
 With a step to your left and a flick to the right you catch that  
 mirror way out <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (*a point of the compass*)  
 You know you're something special and you look like you're  
 the best

#### CHORUS

Her name is Rio and she dances on the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 (*sth you find at the beach*)  
 Just like that river twisting through a dusty land  
 And when she shines she really shows you all she can  
 Oh Rio, Rio, dance <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the Rio Grande  
 (*a preposition of movement*)

I've seen you on the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and I've seen you on TV  
 (*a place where you can sunbathe*)  
 Two of a billion <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ – it means so much to me  
 (*things that you can see in the sky*)  
 Like a <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ or a pretty view (*an important day*)  
 But then I'm sure that you know it's just for you

#### CHORUS

Hey now, look at that, did she nearly run you down?  
 At the end of the drive the lawmen <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 (*to get there*)  
 You make me feel alive, alive, alive  
 I'll take my chance 'cause luck is <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ or something (*agrees with me*)  
 I know what you're thinking, I tell you something, I know what  
 you're thinking  
 Her name is Rio, she don't need to understand  
 And I might find her if I'm looking like I can  
 Oh Rio, Rio, hear them <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ across the land  
 (*to speak loudly*)  
 From <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the north down to the Rio Grande  
 (*big hills*)  
 Do do do do, etc.

- Listen to the song and write the missing words 1–11. Use the clues in brackets to help you.
- Read the lyrics with the glossary and answer the questions.
  - Who is Rio?
  - What do you think she looks like?
  - Is she a woman who is confident about her looks? If so / not, where does it say this in the song?
  - How do you think the singer feels about her?
  - How do you think she feels about the singer?

#### GLOSSARY

flick = a quick or sudden smile or look at sb  
 twisting = bending and changing direction often  
 dusty = full of dust (dry dirt)  
 run sb down = hit sb in a vehicle and knock them to the ground  
 lawman = a (US) officer responsible for keeping law and order  
 'cause = because  
 she don't need to = she doesn't need to

#### SONG FACTS

*Rio* was the single from Duran Duran's album of the same name. It was released worldwide on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1982 and reached number 9 in the UK singles charts in December. Since then, groups like Goldfinger and Nirvana have made cover versions of this song and it's appeared in music video games such as *Band Hero* and *Dance Dance Revolution*. Manchester United football fans sing 'His name is Rio, Rio, Rio Ferdinand' (like the first line of the chorus) whenever the footballer is playing in a match!