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# We are the champions

| | Missing phrase |
|---|---|
| I've paid my dues, _____ | 1 *F* |
| I've done my sentence, but _____ | 2 _____ |
| And bad mistakes, I've made _____ | 3 _____ |
| I've had _____ of sand kicked in my face | 4 _____ |
| But I've _____ | 5 _____ |
| And we mean to go on and on and on | |

We are the champions, my friends
And we'll _____ fighting till the end
We are the champions, we are the champions
No time for losers 'cos we are the champions of the world



6 _____



I've taken my bows, and my _____ 7 _____
You brought me _____ 8 _____
And everything that goes with it, I thank you all
But it's been _____, no pleasure cruise 9 _____
I consider it a challenge before _____ 10 _____
And I ain't gonna lose
And we mean to go on and on and on
We are the champions, my friends, etc.

**a** Match the phrases with their meanings.

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| A curtain calls | ☐ | 1 all the people in the world |
| B a few | ☐ | 2 not easy |
| C fame and fortune | ☐ | 3 the part that belongs to me |
| D no bed of roses | ☐ | 4 again and again |
| E committed no crime | ☐ | 5 when actors come out at the end of a show |
| F time after time | ☐ | 6 continue |
| G my share | ☐ | 7 success and money |
| H keep on | ☐ | 8 not done anything wrong |
| I come through | ☐ | 9 not many |
| J the whole human race | ☐ | 10 survive |

**b** Now listen to the song. Write the letter of the missing phrase in the column.

**c** Listen again and check. Write in the phrases.

**Glossary**

paid my dues = paid what I owed
we mean to = we intend to, are going to
go on = continue
'cos = because
pleasure cruise = (literally) a trip in a boat, (in this context) something easy and fun
I consider = in my opinion
challenge = something new and difficult that you want to do
I ain't going to = 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. It was a number one hit, and soon became the anthem of successful sport teams around the world, though most people only know the chorus!

In 2001, Queen members Brian May and Roger Taylor recorded a new version of this song with British singer Robbie Williams.



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