Somebody That I Used To Know - Gotye ft. Kimbra

Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple tense. Then, listen and check your answers.



Verse

Now and then I think of when we _____ **(be)** together

Like when you _____ **(say)** you felt so happy

you _____ **(can)** die

_____ **(tell)** myself that you were right for me

But _____ **(feel)** so lonely in your company

But that _____ **(be)** love, and it's an ache I still remember

You can get addicted to a certain kind of sadness

Like resignation to the end, always the end

So when we _____ **(find)** that we could not make sense

Well, you said that we would still be friends

But I'll admit that I _____ **(be)** glad it was over

Chorus

But you _____ **(not have to)** to cut me off
Make out like it never _____ **(happen)** and that we were nothing
And I don't even need your love
But you treat me like a stranger and that feels so rough

No, you _____ **(not have to)** stoop so low
Have your friends collect your records and then change your number
I guess that I don't need that though

Now you're just somebody that I used to know
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Now, listen to the second part of the song and fill in the gaps with the words you hear.

Verse

Now and then I think of _____ you screwed me over

But had me believing it was always something that I'd _____

But I don't wanna live that way

_____ into every word you say

You said that you could _____

And I wouldn't catch you hung up on somebody that you used to know

Chorus until the end

AFTER-LISTENING

1. What does Gotye tell us in his song?

_____

2. In pairs, discuss the following questions:

- Have you ever *run into someone* on the street and *got completely ignored*?
- Has someone ever talked to you on the street and you *didn't know them*?
- Have you ever *waved at someone* and it wasn't the person you thought?

Language Focus

1. Complete the events using the phrasal verbs in the box:

ran into - cold shoulder - settle down - break up - catch up - fell in love hit it off - got over - falling out

   a. He met a girl and they _____ .
   b. They _____ and started to date.

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c. They wanted to _____ in a new city but problems arose.
d. They were constantly _____ with each other.
e. They decided to _____ .
f. Months later, he _____ his ex-girlfriend while he was walking in the street. He wanted to _____ with her to see how she was doing. He clearly never _____ her.
g. However, she gave him the _____ and kept walking as if nothing happened.

2. Let's work on *ellipsis,* which is a very common feature of *spoken language*. Look at its definition from Cambridge Dictionary below:

ellipsis *noun* **(LANGUAGE)**

Add to word list

[C or U]

a situation in which words are left out of a sentence but the sentence can still be understood:

Can you identify which words were left out in these lines of the song?

a. *Told myself that you were right for me but felt so lonely in your company.*
b. *Guess that I don't need that though.*
c. *… but had me believing it was always something that I'd done.*

Now, look at the following phrases below and decide what words have been left out:

- Sounds cool! / Sounds interesting! / Sounds great!
- Didn't know that.
- Seen my glasses?
- Want some water?
- Coming with us?
- Looks fantastic!
- Love it!
- So good!
- Can't wait!

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HANDS ON!

Imagine you are at a social event where you don't know anyone. Write a conversation with a partner following the instructions below:

- You just arrived and saw someone by the drinks table.
- Start a conversation with somebody (about the snacks, food, music, outfit, the party's host, etc.)
- Use phrases like: *Want some water?*, *Looks fantastic!*, *Love it!*

Write the conversation and act it out. Focus on **pronunciation and intonation**.

Speak **naturally** like you would in a real party.

GRAMMAR: *used to*

Look at the line extracted from the song:

"Now you're just somebody that I used to know"

What does it mean? Choose from the options below:

A) I knew this person regularly in the past, but not anymore.

B) I never really knew this person well, even before.

C) I still know this person, but things have changed.

Now, complete the rules to use "*used to*":

We use "used to" to talk about things we did in the _____ regularly, but now we don't.

In affirmative sentences, we use "used to" + _____ .

In negative sentences, we use _____ + use to + _____ .

In questions we use _____ + (you) use to + _____ ?

In answers we say: Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.

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