

LEARN PRONUNCIATION WITH ED SHEERAN!

Listen to the song “Happier” and fill in the gaps with the missing words.

ONE AREN'T MONTH UNTIL ARMS HEART
SAT LOVE LAUGH SOMEONE DARLING
BAR OTHERS NOBODY



HAPPIER by Ed Sheeran

Walking down 29th and Park

I saw you in another's _____

Only a _____ we've been apart

You look happier

Saw you walk inside a _____

He said something to make you _____

I saw that both your smiles were twice as wide
as ours

Yeah, you look happier, you do

Ain't nobody hurt you like I hurt you

But ain't _____ love you like I do

Promise that I will not take it personal, baby

If you're moving on with _____ new

'Cause baby you look happier, you do

My friends told me one day I'll feel it too

And _____ then I'll smile to hide the truth

But I know I was happier with you

_____ on the corner of the room

Everything's reminding me of you

Nursing an empty bottle and telling myself
you're happier

_____ you?

Ain't nobody hurt you like I hurt you

But ain't nobody need you like I do

I know that there's _____ that deserve you

But my _____, I am still in _____ with you

But I guess you look happier, you do

My friends told me _____ day I'd feel it too

I could try to smile to hide the truth

I know I was happier with you

Baby, you look happier, you do

I knew one day you'd fall for someone new

But if he breaks your _____ like lovers do

Just know that I'll be waiting here for you

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Before doing the activities: revise the English vowels watching this video:

1. All the missing words in the song contain one of the following vowel sound:
/æ /, /ʌ / or /a: /
Write the previous words in the correct line, according to their pronunciation.

/æ / as in the word CAT:

/ʌ / as in the word CUT :

/a: / as in the word CART:

2. The title of the song, *Happier*, has got three vowels. Choose the correct ones.

3. Match the different sets of words with their correct pronunciation. Listen to them first.

1) It, with, empty, everything	a) / i: /
2) hurt, personal, nursing, deserve, were	b) / e /
3) need, feel, me, be	c) / ɜ: /
4) then, said, everything, telling, guess, friends	d) / ɪ /

4. The most common vowel sound in English is by far /ə /, the schwa. It's pronounced like the grunt "uh". It occurs in unstressed syllables, usually (but not always) at word endings.

These words of the song contain the sound /ə /. Can you tick the syllables which are pronounced with a schwa? Say them aloud.

A - NO - THER

O - THERS

A - PART

COR - NER

PER - SO - NAL

BO - TTLE

5. Classify these words according to the pronunciation of the letters in bold. Listen to them first:

saw (be)'cause your promise
 corner fall on not walk
 bottle was

you look truth could room
 too moving new

/ ɒ /	/ ɔ:/

/ ʊ /	/ u: /

6. The following words from the song contain one of the English diphthongs:

/ eɪ / /aɪ/ /ɔɪ / /əʊ/ /ao/ /ɪə/ /eə/ /ʊə /

Match the correct diphthong sound next to the words and find more examples.

	down
	Only
	Make
	like
	here
	there
	?
	?