

## 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 /ɑ: /

Write the previous words in the correct line, according to their pronunciation.

/æ / as in the word CAT:

\_\_\_\_\_

/ʌ / as in the word CUT :

\_\_\_\_\_

/ɑ: / 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.

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| 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) / i /  |

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/ /aʊ/ /ɪə/ /eə/ /ʊə/

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

	down
	Only
	Make
	like
	here
	there
	?
	?