

Language function: **Developing discussion skills, Listening comprehension**
 Vocabulary Area: **Family relationships**
 Vocabulary Focus: **alone/lonely/on one's own/by oneself/go it alone**
 Grammar Focus: **don't have to versus mustn't**
 Lesson based on : **Song by U2 – Sometimes you can't make it on your own**

SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T MAKE IT

FOCUS on WORDS

ACTIVITY 1

Match the beginnings of the sentences in A with the endings in B.

A

1. If you are tough
2. If you think you've got it
3. If you put up a fight
4. If you take a punch
5. If you go it alone
6. If you are sick of something
7. If you let it go

B

- A. you do something without help from anyone
- B. you don't give up and fight
- C. you are annoyed about something and want it to stop
- D. you believe that you have the necessary qualities
- E. you are strong enough to deal with difficult situations
- F. you no longer say or do more about something
- G. you let someone hit you

WHILE LISTENING

ACTIVITY 2

Listen and complete the song.

Tough, you think you've got the stuff
 You're telling me and anyone
 You're hard 1) _____

You don't have to put up a fight
 You don't have to always be 2) _____
 Let me take some of the punches
 For you 3) _____

Listen to me now
 I need to let you know
 You don't have to go it alone

And it's you when I look in the 4) _____
 And it's you when I don't pick up the phone
 Sometimes you can't make it on your own

We fight all the time
 You and I...that's alright
 We're the same soul
 I don't need...I don't need to hear you say
 That if we weren't so 5) _____
 You'd like me a whole lot more

Listen to me now
 I need to let you know
 You don't have to go it alone
 And it's you when I look in the 6) _____
 And it's you when I don't pick up the phone
 Sometimes you can't make it on your own

I know that we don't talk
 I'm sick of it all
 Can - you - hear - me - when - I -
 Sing, you're the reason I sing
 You're the reason why the opera is in me...

Where are we now?
 I've got to let you know
 A house still doesn't make a home
 Don't leave me here alone...

And it's you when I look in the mirror
 And it's you that makes it hard to let go
 Sometimes you can't make it on your own
 Sometimes you can't make it
 The best you can do is to 7) _____ it
 Sometimes you can't make it on your own

AFTER LISTENING

ACTIVITY 3

Discuss the following questions.

1. Bono wrote 'Sometimes you can't make it on your own' for his father and he sang it at his funeral. What was their relationship?
2. What kind of person was Bono's father?
3. Do you agree that when two people are alike, they argue more often?
4. What does it mean 'A house still does not make a home'.

Grammar Focus: don't have to vs mustn't

You don't have to put up a fight.

You don't have to be always right.

We use **don't have to** to say that something is not necessary

We use **mustn't** to say that something is not allowed

Examples:

You **don't have to** work on Saturdays. = It is not necessary to work on Saturday

Shops **mustn't** sell cigarettes to children. = It is not allowed.

ACTIVITY 4

Decide whether 'don't/doesn't have to' or 'mustn't' is appropriate in the sentences below.

1. You park your car on a double yellow line.
2. The excursion is free. You pay.
3. It's forbidden. You do it.
4. You be rich to be happy.
5. It's a secret. You tell anyone about it.
6. You talk during the exam.
7. She has a very rich husband. She work.
8. Be on time. You be late.
9. You use your mobile phone while driving.
10. You go with us if you don't want to.

Vocabulary Focus: alone, lonely, on my own, by myself, go it alone

Sometimes you can't make it **on your own**.

You don't have to **go it alone**.

There are a lot of expressions in English which mean 'without other people'. Take a look at some of them:

If you are **ALONE** you are without other people: *He lives alone.*

If you are **LONELY** you are unhappy because you have no friends or family:

I didn't speak English so I felt lonely in England.

If you did something **ON YOUR OWN** or **BY YOURSELF** you did it without any help: *I was so proud that I had repaired the car on my own/by myself.*

If you **GO IT ALONE** you will do something without other people: *She decided to leave the band and go it alone.*