



Just Give Me A Reason – Pink – Notes



- **Activity types:** Listening for specific words, gap fill
- **Level:** Intermediate
- **Grammar Focus:** Tense Review
- **Notes:** This song is about the desire to hold on to a relationship even when it appears to be breaking down. It was a Number One single in twenty countries and features Nate Ruess, the lead singer of Fun. Pink sings the first verse and chorus, the second verse is sung by Ruess, and the rest of the song is sung as a duet.

1. Give students a folded copy of the worksheet and ask them to do Activity 1 alone or in pairs. They have to write the requested tense and forms for each infinitive. Don't correct at this stage.

Possible answers:

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| 1. to be: Present Simple – positive/negative forms | <i>am/is/are; 'm not/isn't/aren't</i> |
| 2. to be: Past Simple – positive/negative forms | <i>was/were: wasn't/weren't</i> |
| 3. to have: Present Simple – positive form | <i>have/has</i> |
| 4. to have: Past Simple – positive form | <i>had</i> |
| 5. to have: Present Perfect – positive form | <i>have had/has had</i> |
| 6. to have: Present Perfect Continuous – positive form | <i>have/has been having</i> |
| 7. to understand: Present Simple – negative form | <i>don't/doesn't understand</i> |
| 8. to fix/let/steal/think: Past Simple – positive f. | <i>fixed-let-stole-thought</i> |
| 9. to come/run/happen: Present Continuous – pos. f. | <i>am/are/is coming/running/happening</i> |
| 10. to pour/hold/collect: Present Continuous – pos. f. | <i>am/are/is pouring/holding/collecting</i> |
| 11. to talk: Present Perfect Continuous – positive form | <i>have/has been talking</i> |
| 12. to come/fix/stop: Future with <i>will</i> | <i>'ll/will come/fix/stop</i> |

Key: See complete version of the song

2. Play the song and ask them to tick the verbs as they hear them (in any form).
3. Allow them to check in pairs, then ask them to unfold the worksheet. Ask them to complete the lyrics based on context and answers to the previous activity.
4. Play the song again. Students complete the lyrics and check their answers in pairs or in small groups.
5. Correct in open class, eliciting the form of each verb used.
Do they know in what form of the verb "give" is? (**Key:** Imperative)
6. Play the song again and sing together!
You can divide the class in to boys and girls - the female vocal is in normal type, the male in *italics*, and where both sing in **bold**.



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Activity 1. Write the correct tense and forms for each verb according to the instructions given:

1. **to be:** Present Simple – positive/negative forms _____
2. **to be:** Past Simple – positive/negative forms _____
3. **to have:** Present Simple – positive form _____
4. **to have:** Past Simple – positive form _____
5. **to have:** Present Perfect – positive form _____
6. **to have:** Present Perfect Continuous – positive form _____
7. **to understand:** Present Simple – negative form _____
8. **to fix/let/steal/think:** Past Simple – positive f. _____
9. **to come/run/happen:** Present Continuous – pos. f. _____
10. **to pour/hold/collect:** Present Continuous – pos. f. _____
11. **to talk:** Present Perfect Continuous – positive form _____
12. **to come/fix/stop:** Future with *will* _____

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Activity 2. Complete the song with the answers from the previous activity:

Right from the start
 You _____ a thief
 You _____ my heart
 And I your willing victim
 I _____ you see the parts of me
 That _____ all that pretty
 And with every touch you _____ them
 Now you' _____ in your sleep oh oh
 Things you never say to me oh oh
 Tell me that you' _____ enough
 Of our love, our love

Just give me a reason
 Just a little bit' _____ enough
 Just a second we' _____ broken just bent
 And we can learn to love again
 It' _____ in the stars
 It's been written in the scars on our hearts
 We' _____ broken just bent
 And we can learn to love again

I' _____ sorry I _____
 Where all of this _____ from
 I _____ that we _____ fine
 (Oh we _____ everything)
 Your head _____ wild again
 My dear we still _____ everythin'
 And it' _____ all in your mind
 (Yeah but this _____)
 You' _____ real bad dreams oh oh
 You used to lie so close to me oh oh
There' _____ nothing more than empty sheets
Between our love, our love
Oh our love, our love



Just give me a reason
Just a little bit' _____ enough
Just a second we' _____ broken just bent
And we can learn to love again
 I' _____ never _____
 You' _____ still written in the scars on my heart
You' _____ broken just bent
And we can learn to love again

Oh tear ducts can rust
I' _____ it for us
 We' _____ dust
 But our love' _____ enough
 You' _____ it in
 You' _____ a drink
 No nothing _____ as bad as it seems
 We' _____ clean

Just give me a reason
Just a little bit' _____ enough
Just a second we' _____ broken just bent
And we can learn to love again
It' _____ in the stars
It's been written in the scars on our hearts
That we' _____ broken just bent
And we can learn to love again

Just give me a reason
Just a little bit' _____ enough
Just a second we' _____ broken just bent
And we can learn to love again
It' _____ in the stars
It's been written in the scars on our hearts
That we' _____ broken just bent
And we can learn to love again
 Oh, can learn to love again
 Oh, can learn to love again
 Oh oh, that we _____ broken just bent
 And we can learn to love again



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Right from the start
You **were** a thief
You **stole** my heart
And I your willing victim
I **let** you see the parts of me
That **weren't** all that pretty
And with every touch you **fixed** them
Now **you've been talking** in your sleep oh oh
Things you never say to me oh oh
Tell me that **you've had** enough
Of our love, our love

Chorus:

Just give me a reason
Just a little bit's enough
Just a second **we're** not broken just bent
And we can learn to love again
It's in the stars
It's been written in the scars on our hearts
We're not broken just bent
And we can learn to love again

I'm sorry I **don't understand**
Where all of this **is coming** from
I thought that we **were** fine
(Oh we **had** everything)
Your head **is** running wild again
My dear we still **have** everythin'
And it's all in your mind
(Yeah but this **is happenin'**)
You've **been havin'** real bad dreams oh oh
You used to lie so close to me oh oh
There's nothing more than empty sheet
Between our love, our love
Oh our love, our love

Repeat Chorus

Oh tear ducts can rust
I'll **fix** it for us
We're **collecting** dust
But our love's enough
You're **holding** it in
You're **pouring** a drink
No nothing **is** as bad as it seems
We'll **come** clean

Repeat Chorus twice

Oh, we can learn to love again
Oh, we can learn to love again
Oh oh, that we're not broken just bent
And we can learn to love again