



Royals – Lorde – Notes



- **Activity types:** Listening for specific words, gap fill, writing
- **Level:** Elementary / Pre-Intermediate
- **Language focus:** Plural nouns, countable and uncountable nouns, Informal English
- **Notes:** This was Song Of The Year at the 2014 Grammy Awards – Lorde (the stage name of New Zealand singer-songwriter Ella Marija Lani Yelich-O'Connor) spent nine weeks at the top of the U.S. charts in 2013, aged just 16. The song is about the luxury and lifestyle of pop artists. The song is about the luxury and lifestyle of pop artists.

1. Activity 1. Ask students to write the plural of the nouns.

KEY: (at this stage any correct opposite is acceptable):

addresses	dreams	islands	rooms	songs
babies	fantasies	jet planes	royals	tigers
buzzes	friends	leashes	queens	teeth
diamonds	geese	movies	parties	towns
dollars	gowns	rings	stains	trains

2. Play the song. Ask students to listen for the nouns from the previous activity, correcting if necessary, and numbering them in the order they hear them in any form. If they appear more than once, refer to the first time.

KEY: 1. diamond - 2. teeth - 3. rings - 4. movies - 5. address - 6. town - 7. song - 8. goose - 9. stain - 10. gowns - 11. room - 12. dreams - 13. jet planes - 14. islands - 15. tigers - 16. leash - 17. royals - 18. buzz - 19. queen - 20. baby - 21. fantasy - 22. friends - 23. dollars - 24. train - 25. party

3. Students can unfold the page and complete the song (**Activity 2**) according to their answers to the previous activity and context.

4. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in groups,

5. Correct in open class, play the song again and sing together!

Grammar Focus

- Elicit the different types of plurals:

- + **-s:** *diamond* – *diamonds*
- + **-es:** *address* – *addresses*
- + **-ies:** *party* – *parties*
- **irregular nouns:** *tooth* – *teeth*

- Ask students if they can make the plural of the words *money* or *blood*. Why not? Elicit the difference between countable and uncountable nouns.

- Explain *luxe* stands for *luxury*; *ain't* stands for *isn't*; *it don't run* is informal for *it doesn't run*.



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Activity 1. Write the plural of the following nouns:

address
baby
buzz
diamond
dollar

dream
fantasy
friend
goose
gown

island
jet plane
leash
movie
ring

room
royal
queen
party
stain

song
tiger
tooth
town
train

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Activity 2. Complete the song with the words from Activity 1.

I've never seen a _____ in the flesh
I cut my _____ on wedding _____ in the _____
And I'm not proud of my _____,
In a torn-up _____, no postcode envy

Pre-chorus:

But every _____'s like gold _____, grey _____, trippin' in the bathroom
Blood _____, ball _____, trashin' the hotel room,
We don't care, we're driving Cadillacs in our _____.
But everybody's like Cristal, Maybach, _____ on your timepiece.
_____, _____, _____ on a gold _____.
We don't care, we aren't caught up in your love affair.

Chorus:

And we'll never be _____ (_____).
It don't run in our blood,
That kind of luxe just ain't for us.
We crave a different kind of _____.
Let me be your ruler (ruler),
You can call me _____ Bee
And _____ I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule.
Let me live that _____.

My _____ and I—we've cracked the code.
We count our _____ on the _____ to the _____.
And everyone who knows us knows that we're fine with this,
We didn't come from money.

Pre-chorus, then Chorus

Ooh ooh oh
We're bigger than we ever dreamed,
And I'm in love with being _____.
Ooh ooh oh
Life is great without a care
We aren't caught up in your love affair.

Chorus





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I've never seen a diamond in the flesh
I cut my teeth on wedding rings in the movies
And I'm not proud of my address,
In a torn-up town, no postcode envy

Pre-chorus:

But every song's like gold teeth, grey goose, trippin' in the bathroom
Blood stains, ball gowns, trashin' the hotel room,
We don't care, we're driving Cadillacs in our dreams.
But everybody's like Cristal, Maybach, diamonds on your timepiece.
Jet planes, islands, tigers on a gold leash.
We don't care, we aren't caught up in your love affair.

Chorus:

**And we'll never be royals (royals).
It don't run in our blood,
That kind of luxe just ain't for us.
We crave a different kind of buzz.
Let me be your ruler (ruler),
You can call me queen Bee
And baby I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule, I'll rule.
Let me live that fantasy.**

My friends and I—we've cracked the code.
We count our dollars on the train to the party.
And everyone who knows us knows that we're fine with this,
We didn't come from money.

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Ooh ooh oh
We're bigger than we ever dreamed,
And I'm in love with being queen.
Ooh ooh oh
Life is great without a care
We aren't caught up in your love affair.

Chorus