



- 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*.



# **Royals - Lorde**



### Activity 1. Write the plural of the following nouns:

| address | dream   | island    | room  | song  |
|---------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|
| baby    | fantasy | jet plane | royal | tiger |
| buzz    | friend  | leash     | queen | tooth |
| diamond | goose   | movie     | party | town  |
| dollar  | gown    | ring      | stain | train |

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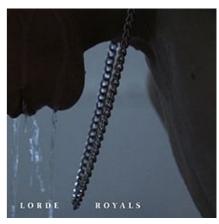
# Activity 2. Complete the song with the words from Activity 1.

| I've never seen a in the   | e flesh                          |
|--|----------------------------------|
| I cut my on wedding  | in the                           |
| And I'm not proud of my  |                                  |
| In a torn-up, no postco  |                                  |
| Pre-chorus:  |                                  |
| But every's like gold  | , grey, trippin' in the bathroom |
| Blood, ball, tr  | ashin' the hotel room,           |
| We don't care, we're driving Cadil   | lacs in our                      |
| But everybody's like Cristal, Mayb   | ach, on your timepiece.          |
|  | on a gold                        |
| We don't care, we aren't caught u  |                                  |
| Chorus: And we'll never be(_ It don't run in our blood, That kind of luxe just ain't for We crave a different kind of Let me be your ruler (ruler), You can call me Bee And I'll rule, I'll rule, Let me live that | us. <u>.</u>                     |
| My and I—we've cracke<br>We count our on the<br>And everyone who knows us know<br>We didn't come from money.   | to the                           |

# **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**





# **Royals - Lorde - Complete**



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**