



Subject:

Learning from Lyrics

1. Do you know the past forms of the following verbs from Rihanna's song?

wrap	
wrap check	
be	
go	
go meet	
spin	
spin need feel	
feel	

2. Listen to the song and fill in the gaps with the past tense of the verbs from the previous exercise

Rehab (by Rihanna)

Baby, baby, when we first a)		
Baby, baby, when we first a) I never b) sor	nething so strong	
You c)li	ke my lover and my best friend	
All d) ii	nto one with a ribbon on it	
And all of a sudden you e) and le		
I didn't know how to follow		
It's like a shot that f)	me around	
And now my heart's dead		
I feel so empty and hollow		

And I'll never give myself to another the way I gave it to you Don't even recognize the ways you hurt me Do you?

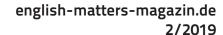
It's gonna take a miracle to bring me back
And you're the one to blame

And now I feel like, oh
You're the reason why I'm thinking
I don't wanna smoke on these cigarettes no more
I guess that's what I get for wishful thinking
I should've never let you enter my door

Next time you wanna go on and leave I should just let you go on and do it 'Cause now I'm using like I bleed

It's like I g)..... into rehab x 2 Baby you're my disease









I gotta check into rehab x 2 'Cause baby you're my disease

Damn, ain't it crazy when you're love-swept You'll do anything for the one you love 'Cause anytime that you h)...... me I'd be there It's like you i)..... my favorite drug

And I'll never give myself to another the way I gave it to you Don't even recognize the ways you hurt me Do you?

It's gonna take a miracle to bring me back
And you're the one to blame

'Cause now chorus

[Justin Timberlake:]
Now ladies give me that
[Rihanna:]
Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh
[Justin Timberlake:]
Now give me that
[Rihanna:]
Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh

Chorus

sbnu; g) checked; h); needed i) were; j) were; k) was

3. Answer the questions

- a) Do you know the meaning of the words/phrases marked green in the text?
- b) Would you use 'should've never let' (marked pink) to refer to the past, present or future?
- c) Why does the woman want to check into rehab? What, in general, might be the reasons people have for checking into rehab?
- d) What does the woman blame the man for?
- e) When is 'ain't' used?
- f) The woman feels 'empty and hollow'. How else can you feel when you're unhappy? What other adjectives could be used to talk about sadness?
- g) What can the woman do to feel better? What do you usually do to cheer yourself up?