

JEALOUS GUY

by JOHN LENNON

'Jealous Guy' is a song written

and performed by *John Lennon*

which first appeared on his 1971

most commonly covered Lennon

most notable being *Roxy Music's* version, which reached number

album *Imagine*. It is one of the

songs, with at least ninety-two

recorded cover versions, the

one in several countries three

months after John Lennon's

death.

Grammar: Past Continuous, Past Tenses review

Vocabulary: feelings and emotions

Level: Pre-Intermediate

□ CD track 10

Teacher's notes

- 1. Play an instrumental intro of the song (up to 15 sec.). Ask students how they can describe the music, what pictures they can see, what this song is about.
- 2. Tell them that it is a song about jealousy. It is called 'Jealous Guy'. Explain or translate the title.
- 3. Let your students try to guess if the character is jealous right now. *Judging by the sweet and tender music, he isn't. He seems to apologize for being so jealous.*
- 4. Listen to the song and check students' ideas. He remembers what was happening before, and apologizes for being so jealous, and tries to explain his feelings.
 - 5. Work on vocabulary that can help to understand his feelings. Do. ex. 1. Check the answers.
 - 6. Turn to ex. 2. Play the song. Students should listen and complete the task.
- 7. Say that to explain or analyze his feelings the character of the song reproduces things the way they were happening with the help of the Past Continuous Tense. Pay attention to the structure and find out the difference between the Past Simple and Continuous.
- 8. Ask students to find one grammar mistake in the lyrics and explain the use of it. *You* *was trying to find. It makes the speech more colloquial. We sort of trust him. He might be nervous etc.

Lyrics and answers

Ex. 1. 1 – dream, 2 – swallow, 3 – shiver, 4 – lose control, 5 – insecure. Ex. 2

I was dreaming of the past.

And my heart was beating fast,

I began to lose control,

I began to lose control,

Chorus:

I didn't mean to hurt you,
I'm sorry that I made you cry,
I didn't want to hurt you,
I'm just a jealous guy,

I was feeling insecure, You might not love me anymore, I was shivering inside, I was shivering inside,

Chorus

I was trying to catch your eyes,
Thought that you was trying to hide,
I was swallowing my pain,
was swallowing my pain.

Students' page

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1. Write the words.

Swallow, shiver, lose control, insecure, dream

1	2	_ 3	4	5
_	-	_		s or Past Simple.
l	(d	ream) of the pa	ast.	
And my heart			(beat) fast,	
l	_ (begin) to I	ose control,		
I	_ (begin) to I	ose control,		
Chorus:				
I	(not mean) to h	urt you,	
I'm sorr	y that I	(make)	you cry,	
I	(not want) to h	ırt you,	
I'm just	a jealous gu	у,		
I	(feel) ir	nsecure,		
You might not				
I	(shi	ver) inside,		
I				
Chorus				
I	(tr	ry) to catch you	r eyes,	
Thought that you				
I		_ (swallow) my	pain,	
I		_ (swallow) my	pain.	

Chorus