

11A SONG The Final Countdown

a Listen to the song and match lines 1–8 with lines a–h.

The Final Countdown

- 1 We're leaving together, g
- 2 And maybe we'll come back
- 3 I guess there is
- 4 We're leaving ground

Chorus

It's the final countdown
the final countdown

- 5 We're heading for Venus, Venus,
- 6 Cause maybe they've seen us
- 7 With so many light years to go
- 8 I'm sure that

Chorus

- a be the same again?
b we all miss her so
c and things to be found
d no one to blame
e and still we stand tall
f and welcome us all
g but still it's farewell
h to earth, who can tell



b Tick (✓) the pairs of words from the song which have the same sound.

- 1 leaving heading
- 2 together farewell
- 3 guess be e
- 4 we maybe
- 5 again tell
- 6 seen welcome

SONG FACTS

The 1986 song *The Final Countdown* was a number one hit in 25 countries for Swedish band Europe. They originally wrote the song just to open their concerts with an exciting 'countdown' to the start of the show, and were surprised when it was so successful. It is often played around the world at sports events.

GLOSSARY

- miss = feel sad because you are far from something or somebody
I guess = I think
no one to blame = nobody did anything wrong
leaving ground = leaving the earth (in a rocket)
final countdown = counting from ten to zero before a rocket leaves the ground
stand tall = feel proud and brave
heading for = travelling to
farewell = goodbye
light years = a very long distance
who can tell = nobody knows

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 11A

A)

2i 3d 4e 5a 6f 7g 8c 9b

B)

1 different: leaving /i:/ and heading /e/

2 (Well) /e/

3 different: guess /e/ and be /i:/

4 (Well) /i:/

5 (Well) /e/

6 different: seen /i:/ and welcome /e/