

7A SONG My Girl

- a** Look at gaps 1–8 in the lyrics. With a partner, try to guess some of the missing words. Each gapped word rhymes with the word in **bold** that has the same number.

My Girl

My girl's mad at me
I didn't wanna see the film tonight
I found it hard to ¹**say**
She thought I'd had enough of her
Why can't she ²**see**
She's lovely to ²me?
But I like to ¹_____ in
And watch TV on my own
Every now and then

My girl's mad at me
Been on the telephone for an hour
We hardly said a ³**word**
I tried and tried but I could not be ³_____
Why can't I ⁴**explain**?
Why do I feel this ⁴_____
'Cos everything I ⁵**say**
She doesn't understand
She doesn't realize
She takes it all the wrong ⁵_____

My girl's mad at me
We argued just the other ⁶**night**
I thought we'd got it straight
We talked and talked until it was ⁶_____
I thought we'd agreed
I thought we'd talked it out
Now when I try to ⁷**speak**
She says that I don't ⁸**care**
She says I'm ⁸_____
And now she says I'm ⁷_____



- b** Listen to the song and complete the missing words.
- c** Read the Glossary. Find words or phrases in the song which mean the following:

GLOSSARY

- 1 very angry (especially in *NAmE*) _____
- 2 occasionally _____
- 3 misunderstand and take offence _____
- 4 clarify a situation _____
- 5 not know about something _____

SONG FACTS

My Girl was originally recorded by the British band Madness and got to number 3 in the UK singles charts in 1979. It was written by the band's keyboard player Mike Barson and is about the relationship he was having with his girlfriend at the time, Kerstin Rodgers, who is now a well-known chef.

SOLUTIONS OF SONG 7A

MY GIRL

A)

2 me

1 stay

3 heard

4 pain

5 way

6 light

7 weak

8 unaware

B)

1 mad

2 every now and then

3 take it the wrong way

4 got it straight

5 unaware