



DEPARTAMENTO DE FORMAÇÃO GERAL - CONTAGEM
ENSINO REMOTO EMERGENCIAL - LÍNGUA INGLESA I
READING AND LISTENING ACTIVITIES
SONGS *ENGLISHMAN IN NEW YORK, LUKA*

Instructions: Listen to the songs *Englishman in New York* and *Luka* while reading their lyrics. Then, answer the questions and do the writing activities. Use your own English and a good dictionary to help you with your vocabulary doubts.

Song 1 - *Englishman in New York* (Sting)

I don't drink coffee I take tea my dear
I like my toast done on one side
And you can hear it in my accent when
I talk

I'm an Englishman in New York
See me walking down Fifth Avenue
A walking cane here at my side
I take it everywhere I walk
I'm an Englishman in New York

Whoa, I'm an alien
I'm a legal alien
I'm an Englishman in New York
Whoa, I'm an alien
I'm a legal alien
I'm an Englishman in New York

If "manners maketh man" as someone
said
Then he's the hero of the day
It takes a man to suffer ignorance and
smile
Be yourself no matter what they say

Whoa, I'm an alien
I'm a legal alien
I'm an Englishman in New York
Whoa, I'm an alien

I'm a legal alien
I'm an Englishman in New York

Modesty, propriety can lead to
notoriety
You could end up as the only one
Gentleness, sobriety are rare in this
society
At night a candle's brighter than the
sun

Takes more than combat gear to make
a man
Takes more than license for a gun
Confront your enemies, avoid them
when you can
A gentleman will walk, but never run
If "manners maketh man" as someone
said
Then he's the hero of the day
It takes a man to suffer ignorance and
smile
Be yourself, no matter what they say
Be yourself, no matter what they say
Be yourself, no matter what they say
Be yourself, no matter what they say
(x9)

Whoa, I'm an alien
I'm a legal alien

I'm an Englishman in New York (x4)

(From: <https://www.lettras.mus.br/sting/38575/Acesso> em 10 set, 2020)

Text Comprehension 1 - *Englishman in New York*

1. Where is he (the persona in the song)?
2. Where is he from?
3. What are his cultural habits according to the lyrics?
4. Search the word “alien” in a dictionary in English, such as www.dictionary.com or <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/pt/> or <https://michaelis.uol.com.br/moderno-ingles> . Understand its meaning and answer the question: what does the author mean by saying “I’m an alien, I’m a legal alien, I’m an Englishman in New York”?
5. Why does he say “Be yourself no matter what they say”?
6. And: “Takes more than a combat gear to make a man, takes more than a license for a gun.” Why does he say so?

Song 2 - *Luka* (Suzanne Vega)

My name is Luka
I live on the second floor
I live upstairs from you
Yes I think you've seen me before

If you hear something late at night
Some kind of trouble, some kind of fight
Just don't ask me what it was
Just don't ask me what it was
Just don't ask me what it was

I think it's because I'm clumsy
I try not to talk too loud
Maybe it's because I'm crazy
I try not to act too proud

They only hit until you cry
And after that you don't ask why
You just don't argue anymore
You just don't argue anymore
You just don't argue anymore
Yes I think I'm okay
I walked into the door again
Well, if you ask that's what I'll say

And it's not your business anyway

I guess I'd like to be alone
With nothing broken, nothing thrown
Just don't ask me how I am
Just don't ask me how I am
Just don't ask me how I am

My name is Luka
I live on the second floor
I live upstairs from you
Yes I think you've seen me before
If you hear something late at night
Some kind of trouble
some kind of fight

Just don't ask me what it was
Just don't ask me what it was
Just don't ask me what it was
They only hit until you cry
And after that you don't ask why
You just don't argue anymore
You just don't argue anymore
You just don't argue anymore

(Lyrics from <https://www.letras.mus.br/suzanne-vega/64054/> acesso em 10 Set, 2020)

Text Comprehension 2 - Song: Luka

Writing Activity: The persona in the song reports us domestic abuse (domestic violence). She gives us some information about who she is and what she does and suffers at home. Imagine this is a true story you experience in a country where English is the official language. Report this information to someone to help her. Write a text in the 3rd person singular about herself and what she says in the lyrics. Use the text information. You may start like this:

Her name is Luka and she lives on the second floor, upstairs from me.