

Let's listen to a song!

"Cheek to Cheek" by Frank Sinatra



About this song:

'Cheek to Cheek' is a song written by Irving Berlin for the movie *Top Hat* (1935). This song was used in a huge number of films (*The English Patient*, *The Green Mile*, *Rain Man*, etc.) This variant of 'Cheek to cheek' lyrics is referred to the song recorded by American singer and actor Frank Sinatra in 1959.

Before listening:

The main topic of the song is *love/romance*. *Nature* is another poetic topic that is used in this song. Let's revise some vocabulary related to them.

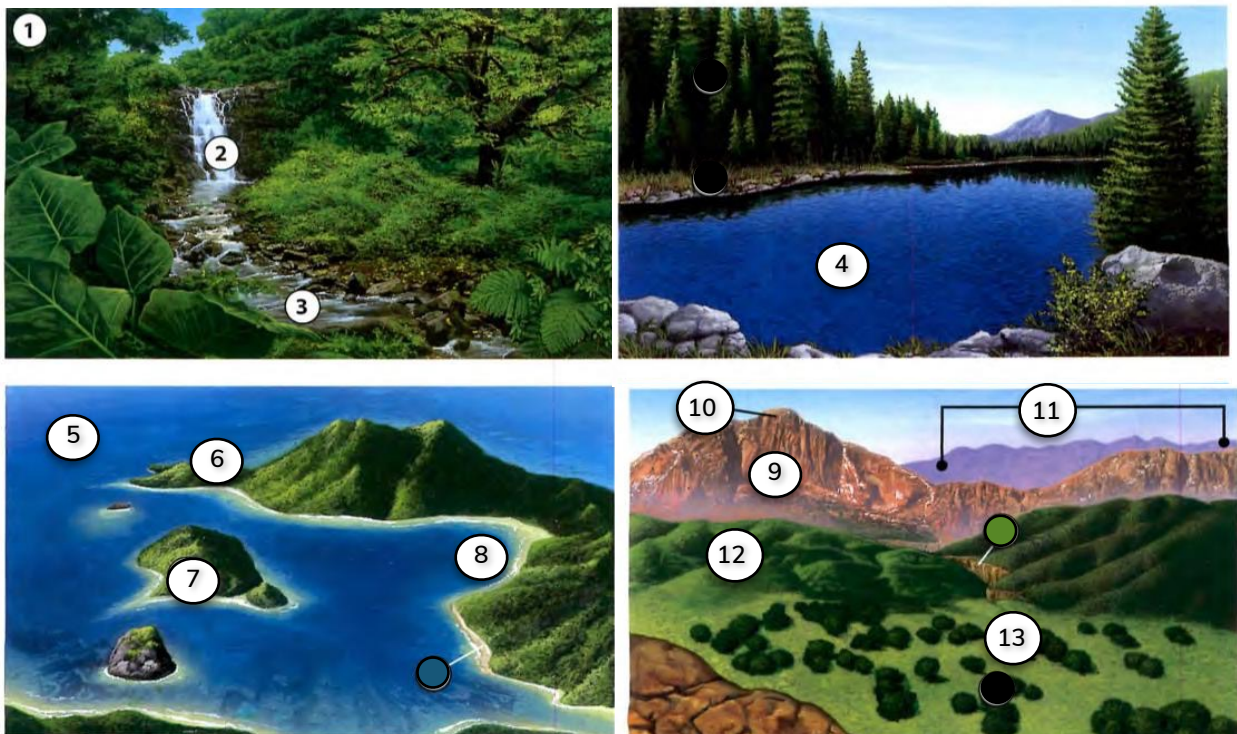
1) How many **body parts** can you remember? And parts of the **face**? Match these:

1) hair 2) eyebrow 3) eye 4) cheek 5) teeth 6) ear 7) nose 8) mouth 9) chin

A close-up photograph of Frank Sinatra wearing a black fedora and a light-colored suit. There are nine empty circles around the photo, with lines pointing to specific body parts: 1 points to hair, 2 to eyebrow, 3 to eye, 4 to cheek, 5 to teeth, 6 to ear, 7 to nose, 8 to mouth, and 9 to chin.

2) Look at the pictures and number the following **geographical features**:

bay - mountain - valley - peak - peninsula - hills - mountain range - ocean - lake - waterfall - creek - island - rainforest



While listening:

3) Listen to the song without reading the lyrics (sin leer la letra de la canción):

- Identify all the parts of the body and the face that are mentioned.
- What about the geographical features? Which one is mentioned in the song and that does not appear on the list from page 1?

Body parts

Cheek

Geographical features

Mountain

* Check your answers → go to page 5.

More vocabulary:

- Seek: look for
- Vanish: disappear
- Enjoy: love
- Heaven: paradise (compare sky = firmament)

4) Listen to the song again. Some words are wrong. Correct them:

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| Heaven, I'm in heaven | Oh I love to go out swimming |
| And my heart beats so that I can hardly | 20 In a river or a creek |
| talk | But I don't enjoy it half as much |
| And I seem to lose the happiness I seek | As dancing cheek to cheek |
| 5 When we're out together dancing cheek | |
| to cheek | (Come on and) Dance with me |
| Heaven, I'm in heaven | 25 I want my arm about you |
| And the cares that hung around me | That charm about you |
| through the day | Will carry me through... |
| 10 Seem to vanish like a gambler's lucky | |
| streak | (Right up) To heaven, I'm in heaven |
| When we're out together dancing cheek | 30 And my heart beats so that I can hardly |
| to cheek | talk |
| | And I seem to lose the happiness I seek |
| 15 Oh I love to climb a mountain | When we're out together dancing (out |
| And reach the lowest peak | together dancing, out together dancing) |
| But it doesn't boot me half as much | 35 cheek to cheek |
| As dancing cheek to cheek | |

After listening:

5) Check your answers on page 5.

6) **Reflect on grammar:** Compare the conjugation of the verbs in the song for the 1st person singular “I” and the 3rd person singular “it”. What’s the difference in the affirmative and negative forms?

Look at this chart:

	<i>I /you / we / they</i>	<i>he / she / it</i>
Affirmative form	I love	He loves
Negative form	You don’t love	She doesn’t love

7) **Pronunciation:** in the song there are many words that are pronounced with the “**long i**” /i:/ and others with the “**short i**” /i/ (todo lo que aparezca entre barras indica pronunciación)

Pay special attention to the “**long i**” /i:/ in beats, cheeek, seem, seek, week, creek, peak, speak

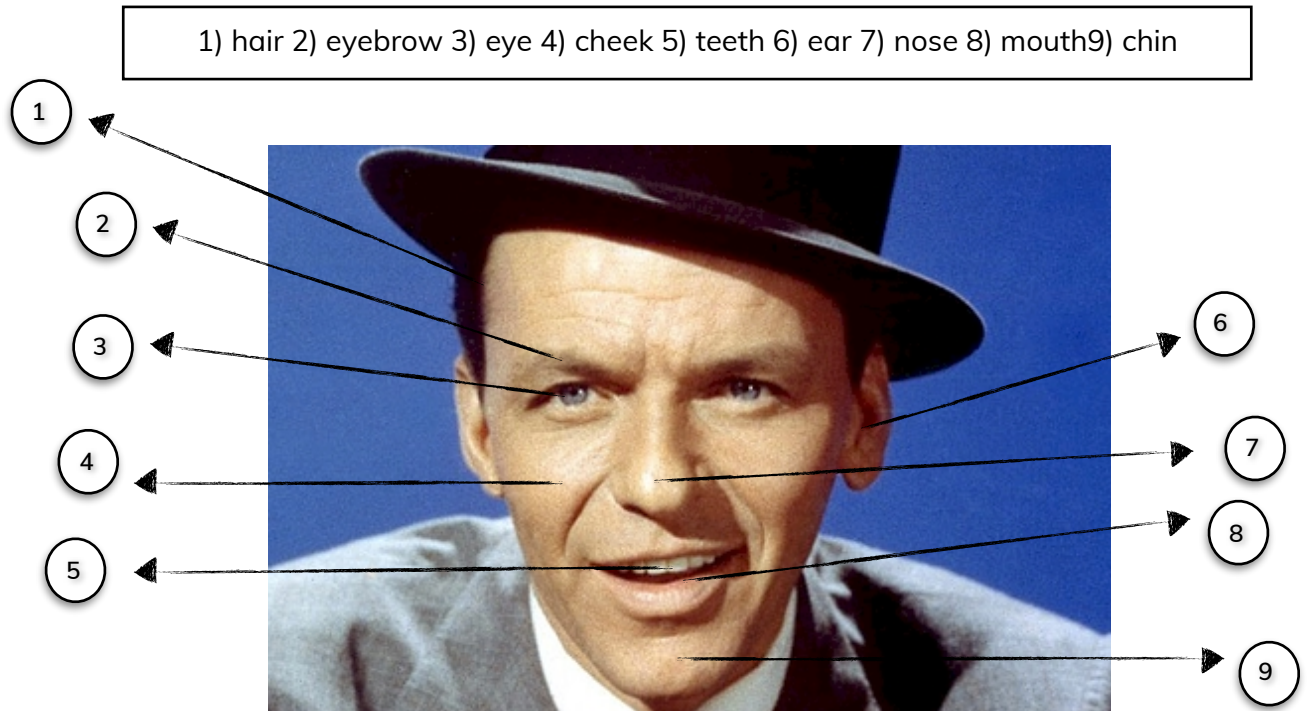
These words are pronounced with the “**short i**” /i/ → happiness, dancing, vanish, fishing, river, it

Watch this explanation and practice: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation/longvowel1>

Now sing the song to practice your pronunciation... and for pleasure!

Answers:

Activity 1:



Activity 2:

- 1) rainforest
- 2) waterfall
- 3) creek
- 4) lake
- 5) ocean
- 6) peninsula
- 7) island

- 8) bay
- 9) mountain
- 10) peak
- 11) mountain range
- 12) hills
- 13) valley

Activity 3:

Body parts: arm, cheek, heart

Geographical features: mountain, peak, river, creek

River does not appear on the list from page 1.

Activity 4:

Lines 2 and 31: talk speak

Line 9: day week

Line 16: lowest highest

Line 19: swimming fishing