

How many fools...

a song by Alan Smith Robertson

<https://youtu.be/IsWn8afSL4Y>

Pre-listening activities

Look at the lyrics of the song below, can you guess the correct question word for each gap?

Hey Giulietta, _____ don't we get back together?
You know that opposites attract
Did you know I missed you? Would you mind if I kissed you?
_____ are you going to say to that?

_____ 's been keeping you company since you went and left me for someone else?
_____ 's been making you happy? Is he giving you more than you could ever expect?

_____ fools have fallen to their knees and begged you not to go break their hearts?
_____ morons still kiss the ground you walk on as you go on playing your part?

_____ 's been keeping you company since you went and left me for someone else?
_____ 's been making you happy? Is he giving you more than you could ever expect?

And _____ bed will you be sleeping in tonight?
Will you tell him all the lies you said to me?
And _____ has touched you like I never did?
Or does he buy your love with things like necklaces and diamond earrings?

Hey Romeo, I see that you're still causing trouble
You make me want to grab my mace
I didn't leave you, it was you who got bored with me
So can you give me just a little space?

And no no no no, no you can't kiss me
You never were very good at kissing anyway
_____ makes you think that I am that easy?
You're like a butterfly fluttering from flower to flower all day

And _____ told you I was with another man?
I'm better off alone, don't you understand that?
I'll be sleeping in my own bed tonight
So leave me alone! I want to live my life in peace and quiet!

_____ fools have fallen to their knees and begged you not to go break their hearts?
(a thousand fools have fallen to their knees and begged me not to go break their hearts)
_____ morons kiss the ground you walk on as you go on playing your part?
(a million morons kiss the ground I walk on as I go on playing my part)

Listen to check

These are questions from the song. Can you remember which auxiliary verb was used?

why _____ we get back together?
_____ you know I missed you?
what _____ you going to say to that?
whose bed _____ you be sleeping in tonight?
_____ you tell him all the lies you said to me?
_____ he buy your love with things like necklaces and diamond earrings?
_____ you give me just a little space?
_____ you understand that?

These are answers to some of the questions in the song.
Go back and read the lyrics; can you find the question?

No, no, no, no, no you can't kiss me
Nobody has been keeping me company
A thousand fools have fallen to their knees
I'll be sleeping in my own bed tonight
Mercutio told me you were with another man

Post-listening activities

A lot of the questions in the song are subject questions; when you ask about the *agent* of an action. Look at the phrases below, write the questions and then answer them

Romeo kissed Giulietta

Subject question:	Who kissed Giulietta?	<i>Romeo</i>
Object question:	Who did Romeo kiss?	<i>Giulietta</i>
Object question:	What did Romeo do to Giulietta?	<i>He <u>kissed</u> her</i>

Romeo has been making Giulietta happy

Subject question:	Who...
Object question:	Who...
Object question:	What...

Mercutio told Romeo that Giulietta was with another man

Subject question:	Who...
Object question:	When Mercutio heard that Giulietta was with another man, who...
Object question:	What...

Romeo has touched Giulietta's heart

Subject question:	Who...
Object question:	Whose...
Object question:	What...

A million morons kiss the ground Giulietta walks on

Subject question:	How many...
Object question:	What...

The way Romeo looks at Giulietta makes me think that he loves her

Subject question:	What...
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a song by Alan Smith Robertson, designed to practice the interrogative & subject questions

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Teacher's answer sheet. Length: approximately 30 - 35 minutes

Teacher's note: *Although this song offers plenty of opportunities for practising the interrogative, it is specifically for intermediate & upper-intermediate level students because it includes quite complex language as well as subject questions.*

Pre-listening activities

Look at the lyrics of the song below, can you guess the correct question word for each gap?

There may be more than one correct question word for some gaps.

If necessary, ask your students for examples of question words, or put them up on the blackboard.

Hey Giulietta, why don't we get back together?
You know that opposites attract

Did you know I missed you?
Would you mind if I kissed you?
What are you going to say to that?

Who's been keeping you company since you went and left me for someone else?
Who's been making you happy? Is he giving you more than you could ever expect?

How many fools have fallen to their knees and begged you not to go break their hearts?
How many morons still kiss the ground you walk on as you go on playing your part?

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what are you going say to that?
whose bed will you be sleeping in tonight?
will you tell him all the lies you said to me?
does he buy your love with things like necklaces and diamond earrings?
can you give me just a little space?
don't you understand that?

other correct options

do...

do, did...

did, can...

will, could...

do, can...

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*Would you mind if I kissed you?
Who's been keeping you company?
How many fools have fallen to their knees?
Whose bed will you be sleeping in tonight?
Who told you I was with another man?*

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Object question: Who did Romeo kiss?
Object question: What did Romeo do to Giulietta?

Romeo
Giulietta
He kissed her

Romeo has been making Giulietta happy

S.Q.: *Who has been making Giulietta happy?*
O.Q.: *Who has Romeo been making happy?*
O.Q.: *What has Romeo been doing?*

Romeo
Giulietta
He has been making her happy

Mercutio told Romeo that Giulietta was with another man

S.Q.: *Who told Romeo that Giulietta was with another man?*
O.Q.: *When Mercutio heard..., who did he tell?*
O.Q.: *What did Mercutio tell Romeo?*

Mercutio
Romeo
That Giulietta was with another man

Romeo has touched Giulietta's heart

S.Q.: *Who has touched Giulietta's heart?*
O.Q.: *Whose heart has Romeo touched?*
O.Q.: *What has Romeo done?*

Romeo
Giulietta's heart
He has touched Giulietta's heart

A million morons kiss the ground Giulietta walks on

S.Q.: *How many morons kiss the ground Giulietta walks on?*
O.Q.: *What do a million morons do?*

A million
They kiss the ground she walks on

The way Romeo looks at Giulietta makes me think that he loves her

S.Q.: *What makes you think that Romeo loves Giulietta?*

The way he looks at her