



Don't Stop Me Now – Notes



- **Activity types:** grammar, vocabulary.
- **Grammar:** Present Continuous, Imperatives.
- **Time:** 40 mins.
- **Note:** This was one of Queen's biggest hits, appearing on their 1978 album *Jazz*. Written by Freddie Mercury, the lyrics actually refer to his insatiable sexual appetite, but you don't need to tell your students that!

- 1) Divide students into different groups, Write the following verbs on the board. Play the first verse of the song (as far as "good time"), and ask the students to listen for the verbs and tell you the tense. (**Key:** Present Continuous)

float – have – turn

- 2) Write the following words on the board. Ask students to match the rhyming words (there are four sets of rhyming pairs, and one set of three rhymes).

light - all – sky - ecstasy - ball – by - explode - Fahrenheit - call - me - reload

Key: light – Fahrenheit; sky – by; ecstasy – me; explode – reload; all – ball – call

- 3) Play the song to Chorus 1 (as far as "supersonic man out of you"). List the verbs in the Present Continuous (there are nine, including the three in the first verse) and the six (of the eleven given) rhyming words they hear.

Key: turning - floating – having – leaping - defying – passing - stopping – burning – travelling
ecstasy – me - sky – by - Fahrenheit - light

- 4) Divide students into different groups, give them a copy of the worksheet and ask them to find the right words for the following definitions (exercise 1). Then, check the answers. The group with most correct words wins.

Key: (the number in brackets are the key to the next ordering exercise)

1) a large wild cat with stripes	tiger	(3)
2) a very fast automobile	racing car	(4)
3) an astronaut's means of transport	rocket ship	(10)
4) deadly explosive weapon	bomb	(12)
5) space object	satellite	(11)
6) "telephone me"	give me a call	(9)
7) the opposite of dead	alive	(1)
8) the sun and the moon are in the...	sky	(6)
9) a star that "falls"	shooting star	(2)
10) take a trip	travel	(8)
11) unit of measure for temperature	degrees	(7)
12) verb connected to fire	burn	(5)

- 5) Ask students to listen for the words in ex 1 (without looking at the lyrics! You can ask them to fold the page), numbering them in the order they hear them (See **key** above). Play the complete song. Then students complete the song (ex 2) according to their answers to the previous activities and context.
- 6) Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in groups.
- 7) Correct, and point out that "gonna" and "wanna" are the slang forms of "going to" and "want to".
- 8) Ask students to find two expressions that mean "to have fun" (**Key:** to have a good time/a ball)
- 9) Play the song and sing together



Don't Stop Me Now - Queen



1. Find the right word for the following definitions.

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| 1) | a large wild cat with stripes | _____ |
| 2) | a very fast automobile | _____ |
| 3) | an astronaut's means of transport | _____ |
| 4) | deadly explosive weapon | _____ |
| 5) | space object | s _____ |
| 6) | "telephone me" | give me _____ |
| 7) | the opposite of dead | _____ |
| 8) | the sun and the moon are in the... | _____ |
| 9) | a star that "falls" | _____ |
| 10) | take a trip | _____ |
| 11) | unit of measure for temperature | _____ |
| 12) | verb connected to fire | _____ |



2. Complete the song with the following rhyming words and the words from exercise 1.

light - all - sky - ecstasy - ball - by - explode - Fahrenheit - call - reload

Tonight I'm gonna have myself a real good time
 I feel _____ and the world turning inside out, yeah!
 I `m floating around in _____
 So don't stop me now, don't stop _____
 'Cause I`m having a good time, having a good time

I'm a _____ leaping through the sky
 Like a _____ defying the laws of gravity
 I'm a _____ passing by like Lady Godiva
 I'm gonna go go go, there's no stopping me

Chorus 1:

I`m burning through the sky, yeah!
 Two hundred _____
 That's why they call me Mister _____
 I`m travelling at the speed of _____
 I wanna make a supersonic man out of you

Chorus 2:

Don't stop me now I `m having such a good time
 I`m having a good time
 Don't stop me now
 If you wanna have a good time just give me a _____
 Don't stop me now ('cause I'm having a good time)
 Don't stop me now (yes I'm having a good time)
 I don't want to stop at _____

I'm a _____ on my way to Mars
 On a collision course
 I'm a _____ I'm out of control
 I'm a sex machine ready to _____
 Like an atom _____ about to
 Oh oh oh oh oh, _____

Repeat Chorus 1

(last line: I wanna make a supersonic woman of you)

Don't stop me don't stop me don't stop me
 Hey hey hey!
 Don't stop me, don't stop me
 Ooh ooh ooh (I like it)
 Don't stop me have a good time good time
 Don't stop me don't stop me
 Ooh ooh Alright

Repeat Chorus 1 and 2

La la la laaaaa, La la la la, Ha da daa daa daaaa, Ha da daa da da da da daaaa...





Don't Stop Me Now – Complete



Tonight I'm gonna have myself a real good time
I feel alive
And the world turning inside out, yeah!
I'm floating around in ecstasy
So don't stop me now
Don't stop me
'Cause I'm having a good time, having a good time

I'm a shooting star leaping through the sky
Like a tiger defying the laws of gravity
I'm a racing car passing by like Lady Godiva
I'm gonna go go go
There's no stopping me

I'm burning through the sky Yeah!
Two hundred degrees
That's why they call me Mister Fahrenheit
I'm travelling at the speed of light
I wanna make a supersonic man of you

Don't stop me now
I'm having such a good time, I'm having a ball
Don't stop me now
If you wanna have a good time just give me a call
Don't stop me now ('Cause I'm having a good time)
Don't stop me now (Yes I'm having a good time)
I don't want to stop at all

I'm a rocket ship on my way to Mars
On a collision course
I am a satellite I'm out of control
I am a sex machine ready to reload
Like an atom bomb about to
Oh oh oh oh oh explode

I'm burning through the sky, yeah!
Two hundred degrees
That's why they call me Mister Fahrenheit
I'm travelling at the speed of light
I wanna make a supersonic woman out of you

Don't stop me, don't stop me, don't stop me
Hey hey hey!
Don't stop me don't stop me
Ooh ooh ooh (I like it)
Don't stop me, don't stop me, have a good time,
good time
Don't stop me, don't stop me
Ooh ooh, Alright

I'm burning through the sky Yeah!
Two hundred degrees
That's why they call me Mister Fahrenheit
I'm travelling at the speed of light
I wanna make a supersonic man of you

Don't stop me now I'm having such a good time
I'm having a ball
Don't stop me now
If you wanna have a good time
Just give me a call
Don't stop me now ('cause I'm having a good time)
Don't stop me now (yes, I'm having a good time)
I don't wanna stop at all

La la la la laaaa
La la la la
Ha da daa daa daa daaa
Ha da daa da da da da daa...