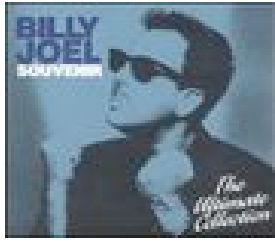


Honesty By Billy Joel



Section A: Warm Up

In small groups, answer the following questions.



- What is a friend?
- Do you always tell the truth?
- Are there times when a 'white lie' is ok?
- Who listens to your troubles?
- Who can you really depend on?
- How do you feel when you find out that someone lies to you?

Section B: CHAT

In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

truthfulness / lonely/ sympathize / lie / comfort me / sincerity / depend on / bitter

Section C: Bring me up to Speed

Use the words in the box to complete this paragraph. The first one has been done.

divorced	second	musical	large
bars	30	songs	piano

Raised in NYC by his (1) divorced mother, Billy Joel eventually found comfort in playing a (2) _____. While he was in his twenties, he moved to Los Angeles, hoping to get his big break. He would perform in numerous piano (3) _____ until he was signed by Columbia and cut his first album, "Cold Spring Harbor," in 1971. "CSH" was a flop, but Billy soldiered on. In 1973, he released his (4) _____ album, "Piano Man. Joel's music reflects influences from many different genres including classical music, *1950s doo wop*, *Broadway/Tin Pan Alley*, jazz, blues, gospel, pop music, and rock & roll. Ray Charles has also had a (5) _____ impact on Billy Joel's music and personal life. Joel's greatest single (6) _____ influence is The Beatles, in particular the songwriting style of Paul McCartney. Some (7) _____ in particular reflect this influence, such as the piano solo in "Piano Man." In 2002 Joel entered Silver Hill Hospital, a substance abuse and psychiatric center in New Canaan, Connecticut. In March 2005 he checked into the Betty Ford Center, where he spent (8) _____ days.

Section D: Cloze Listening

Listen to the song and fill in the missing words.

If you search for (1) _____
it isn't hard to find.
You can have the (2) _____
you need to live.
But if you look for (3) _____
You might just as well be blind.
It always seems to be so hard to give.
Honesty is such a (4) _____
word.

Everyone is so untrue.
Honesty is hardly ever heard.
And mostly what I need from you.
I can always find someone
to say they (5) _____.
If I wear my heart out on my sleeve.
But I don't want some pretty face
to tell me (6) _____ lies.
All I want is someone to believe.
Honesty is such a lonely word.
Everyone is so untrue.
Honesty is hardly ever heard.

And (7) _____ what I need
from you.

I can find a (8) _____.
I can find a friend.
I can have security until the
(9) _____ end.
Anyone can (10) _____ me
with promises again.
I know, I know.
When I'm deep inside of me
don't be too (11) _____.
I won't as for nothin' while I'm gone.
But when I want (12) _____
tell me where else can I turn.
Because you're the one I depend upon.
Honesty is such a lonely word.
Everyone is so untrue.
Honesty is (13) _____ ever
heard.
And mostly what I need from you.

Section E: Grammar

Finish the following sentences...

- If it rains,
- If you promise to do it,
- If she/he calls me,
- If my mother/father were here,
- If he studies,
- If he hadn't eaten so much,
- If I were you,
- If I had a lot of money,