

# We are the champions

## Worksheet 1

### I Read the biography

#### Queen & Freddie Mercury

Queen are a British rock band formed in London in 1970.

Freddie Mercury was born in Zanzibar. Because of the Zanzibar Revolution in 1964 the family moved to England. In 1970 Freddie Mercury (vocalist), Brian May (guitarist), John Deacon (bass guitar) and Roger Taylor (drummer) formed the band "Queen". Freddie Mercury composed many hits such as : "Don't Stop Me Now", "Bohemian Rhapsody", "I Want To Break Free", "Crazy Little Thing Called Thing Called Love", "We Are the Champions", etc...

By 2009 Queen had sold more than 300 million albums internationally. Freddie Mercury was diagnosed with AIDS in 1987. He died in 1991 at the age of 45.

### II Vocabulary

Before listening to the song, get ready ! Match the two columns :

a → ..... / b → ..... / c → ..... / d → ..... / e → 6 / f → ..... / g → ..... / h → ..... / i → ..... / j → ..... / k → .....

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|---------------------------|---|
| a. pay my dues            | 1. <b>rappel</b> (après un spectacle)                         |
| b. time after time        | 2. overcome ( <b>surmonter</b> ) the difficulties             |
| c. do my sentence         | 3. success and wealth ( <b>richesse</b> )                     |
| d. my share               | 4. bow ( <b>se pencher pour saluer</b> ) towards the audience |
| e. sand kicked in my face | 5. repeatedly (again and again)                               |
| f. come through           | 6. adversity  |
| g. take my bows           | 7. not a pleasant moment                                      |
| h. curtain calls          | 8. fulfill (do) my obligations                                |
| i. fame and fortune       | 9. very difficult   |
| j. no bed of roses        | 10. pay for my mistakes ( <b>erreurs</b> )                    |
| k. no pleasure cruise     | 11. my part   |

### III Listen to the song and complete the lyrics (worksheet 2)

### IV Think!

*I've **paid** my dues. / I've **done** my sentence. / But I've come through. / I've **taken** my bows. / But it's **been** no bed of roses.*

On parle d'**expériences vécues**, de ce qui a été fait, sans préciser le moment où cela a été fait (ce n'est pas ce qui nous intéresse ici), c'est pourquoi le **present perfect** est utilisé dans cette chanson.

**On utilise le present perfect pour faire un bilan, pour parler d'expériences passées qui ont un lien avec le présent, des conséquences sur le moment présent.**

**On ne précise pas le moment où l'action s'est déroulée (contrairement au prétérit).**

- **Forme affirmative :** .....
- **Forme négative :** .....
- **Forme interrogative :** .....

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## Worksheet 2

I've \_\_\_\_\_ my dues  
Time after time  
I've \_\_\_\_\_ my sentence  
But committed no \_\_\_\_\_

And bad mistakes  
I've \_\_\_\_\_ a few  
I've \_\_\_\_\_ my share of sand  
Kicked in my face  
But I've \_\_\_\_\_ through

And we mean to go on and on and on and on

We are the champions, \_\_\_\_\_  
And we'll keep on fighting  
'Till the end  
We are the champions  
We are the champions  
No time for \_\_\_\_\_  
'Cause we are the champions of the world

I've \_\_\_\_\_ my bows  
And my curtain calls  
You brought me fame and fortune

And everything that goes with it  
I thank you all

But it's \_\_\_\_\_ no bed of roses  
No pleasure cruise  
I consider it a challenge before  
The whole human race  
And I ain't gonna \_\_\_\_\_

And we mean to go on and on and on and on

We are the champions, \_\_\_\_\_  
And we'll keep on fighting  
'Till the end  
We are the champions  
We are the champions  
No time for \_\_\_\_\_  
'Cause we are the champions of the world

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No time for \_\_\_\_\_  
'Cause we are the champions