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In this unit, you will learn about the song "Coming Home" by Tamir Grinberg and Shiri Maimon (For the Israelis kidnapped by Hamas).

Learn Vocabulary

Before you listen to the song learn this [vocabulary](#)

Crossword puzzle: [Click here](#).

1. kidnapped – מִחְטוּפִים / مخطوف
2. citizen - אזרח / مواطن
3. kingdom – ממלכה / مملكة
4. darkest – הכי חשוך / مظلم
5. dawn – שחר / فجر
6. hostage - בן ערובה / رهينة
7. murder – לרצוח / قتل
8. missing – נעדר / مفقود / ضائع

Kidnapped: When someone is taken away by force, usually for ransom or political reasons

Citizen: A person who is a legal member of a country and has rights and responsibilities under its law

Kingdom: A country ruled by a king or queen

Darkest: The time of day when there is no light from the sun, especially the time just before night

Dawn: The time of day when light first appears in the sky, before the sun rises
Hostage: A person who is captured and held by someone who demands that certain things be done before the captured person is freed
Murder: The crime of intentionally killing a person
Missing: When someone cannot be found

I. Before Listening...

On October 7th, more than 1300 innocent Israeli civilians were murdered and hundreds were taken hostage by Hamas. Many of the hostages are children, women and elderly.

Listen to the song [Coming Home](#) by Tamir Grinberg & Shiri Maimon - COMING HOME (For the Israelis kidnapped by Hamas). This song is adapted from Skylar Grey - Coming Home.

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1. This song is about the Israelis kidnapped by Hamas on October 7th, 2023*

10 points

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) I don't know

2. What is meant by the phrase "See, you can doubt and you can hate but I know, no matter what it takes I'm coming home" (10 points)

- A) The speaker encourages doubt and hate in order to get home
- B) The speaker is uncertain if they can make it home
- C) The speaker expects doubt and hate from others but will get home no matter what
- D) The speaker warns others not to doubt or hate

3. What does the line "Let the rain wash away all the pain of yesterday" suggest? (10 points)

- A) Tears are falling from the sky
- B) Rain will literally wash away blood
- C) Water will cleanse the singer's kingdom
- D) The singer wants to erase the painful memories

4. What is the meaning of "And the wind will rise up to fill my sails"? (13 points)

- A) A strong wind will move the singer's boat
- B) The speaker's spirit is renewed like wind in a sail
- C) There is a storm on the sea
- D) The wind carries the singer home

5. When the speaker says "I know my kingdom awaits" it means: (10 points)

- A) The speaker rules a kingdom
- B) Heaven awaits the speaker
- C) The speaker will reclaim their throne
- D) The speaker's home country awaits their return

6. When the speaker says "Tell the world I'm coming home". What does he mean? (10 points)

- A. He is not sure that he is coming home
- B. It should be a secret that he is coming home
- C. Everyone should know that he is coming

7. What is the emotional theme conveyed in the sentence "Tell the world I'm coming home"? (13 points)

- A) Sadness
- B) Anticipation and hope
- C) Regret
- D) Indifference

8. What is the meaning of the phrase "it's always darkest before the dawn" in the context of the song. (12 points)

- A) The night is the most peaceful time.
- B) Things tend to improve just when they seem the worst.
- C) Dawn is the darkest part of the day.
- D) Darkness is everlasting.

9. What does the phrase "I know my kingdom awaits And they're fighting for my sake" suggest? (12 points)

- A) The speaker is leaving their kingdom behind.
- B) The speaker is fighting for his country.
- C) The speaker expects to be saved by his country.
- D) The speaker is going on a journey to find a new kingdom.

10. In your opinion, how should governments deal with terrorist organizations? (This is a bonus activity).

II. Write to the Red Cross

What is the Red Cross? The Red Cross is an international humanitarian organization that helps people in need during emergencies and disasters. It provides medical care, and support to those who are suffering.

Write to the [Red Cross](#). Ask for news about our hostages. They have an obligation to respond.

You will need to have an email to fill out the form. Here is a sample message which you should change:

Hello, I am contacting you about news in regards to the Israeli hostages abducted by Hamas on October 7th and held captive in Gaza.

Most of the hostages are civilians, including babies and toddlers.

Do you have a list of their names? When do you expect to visit them and ensure they are treated humanely? Will the Red Cross be confirming their living status and contact their families?

Thank you for your answer!

III. Send a letter to congress demanding the release of the hostages

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IV. Suggestions for Discussion

- How should governments respond to the abduction of their civilians?
- Is refusing to negotiate with terrorist organizations justified?
- What lessons from history can guide us in dealing with terrorist organizations?
- How can the international community work together to prevent terrorist organizations?
- What are the long-term consequences of negotiating with terrorist organizations?
- How can governments ensure the safety of their citizens in areas where terrorist organizations are active?

V. Links

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