

CHEEK TO CHEEK

by FRANK SINATRA

Grammar: Present Simple**Vocabulary:** love, nature objects, body parts**Level:** Elementary, Pre-Intermediate

🎵 CD track 3

Teacher's notes

1. Tell your students that they are going to listen to a well-known song. You may even play a certain part of it to provoke a short discussion: what song it is, where they could hear it. Say that it is called 'Cheek to Cheek'. Make sure students understand the title. Otherwise, explain the word *cheek* (e. g. by pointing to your own cheek). Ask your class to add more 'body words' to the list.

2. Let your students guess the topic of the song. – *Love, romance.*

3. The other popular poetic topic – which also used in this song - is nature. Ask your class to name as many 'nature words' as they can. You can also write on the board (in a column) words 'Mountain / River / Valley'. Students should add more words to each line.

Possible answers: *Mountain, hill, range, peak*

River, ocean, sea, lake, spring, creek

Valley, plain

Note: if students don't mention the underlined words, add them to the list and explain.

4. Tell your students to write out 'body' and 'nature words' during the listening. Play the song.

5. Check the answers. Then do ex. 1

6. More vocabulary work. Do ex. 2

7. Then turn to ex. 3.

8. If you have time you can discuss some grammar points in the lyrics: 3rd person singular or use of Present Simple (just ask if the characters of the song are dancing right now).

Lyrics and answers

Ex. 1. Body parts: arm, cheek, heart. Nature objects: mountain, peak, river, creek.

Ex. 2 Seek – look for, vanish - disappear, enjoy - love, heaven – paradise.

Ex. 3

Heaven, I'm in heaven

And my heart beats so that I can hardly (~~talk~~)
speak

And I seem to find the happiness I seek

When we're out together dancing cheek to
cheek

Heaven, I'm in heaven

And the cares that hung around me through the
(~~day~~) week

Seem to vanish like a gambler's lucky streak

When we're out together dancing cheek to
cheek

Oh I love to climb a mountain

And reach the (~~lowest~~) highest peak

But it doesn't boot me half as much

As dancing cheek to cheek

Oh I love to go out (~~swimming~~) fishing

In a river or a creek

But I don't enjoy it half as much

As dancing cheek to cheek

(Come on and) Dance with me

I want my arm about you

That charm about you

Will carry me through...

(Right up)

To heaven, I'm in heaven

And my heart beats so that I can hardly (~~talk~~)
speak

And I seem to find the happiness I seek

When we're out together dancing, out together
dancing

Out together dancing cheek to cheek

'*Cheek to Cheek*' is a song written by **Irving Berlin**, for the Fred Astaire / Ginger Rogers movie **Top Hat** (1935). This song was used in a huge number of films (*The English Patient, The Green Mile, Rain Man* etc.). This variant of 'Cheek to Cheek' lyrics is referred to the song recorded by a famous American singer and actor **Frank Sinatra** for *Come Dance with Me!* album released in 1959.

CHEEK TO CHEEK*by FRANK SINATRA***1. Read the lyrics and complete the chart.****Body parts**Cheek**Nature objects**Mountain

2. Match the words from the song with their synonyms.

seek	disappear
vanish	love
enjoy	paradise
heaven	look for

**3. Listen to the song. Some words are wrong. Correct them**

Heaven, I'm in heaven	Oh I love to go out swimming
And my heart beats so that I can hardly talk	20 In a river or a creek
And I seem to lose the happiness I seek	But I don't enjoy it half as much
5 When we're out together dancing cheek to cheek	As dancing cheek to cheek
Heaven, I'm in heaven	(Come on and) Dance with me
And the cares that hung around me through the day	25 I want my arm about you
10 Seem to vanish like a gambler's lucky streak	That charm about you
When we're out together dancing cheek to cheek	Will carry me through...
15 Oh I love to climb a mountain	(Right up) To heaven, I'm in heaven
And reach the lowest peak	30 And my heart beats so that I can hardly talk
But it doesn't boot me half as much	And I seem to lose the happiness I seek
As dancing cheek to cheek	When we're out together dancing (out together dancing, out together dancing)
	35 cheek to cheek