

GREENFIELDS

by **THE BROTHERS FOUR**

Grammar: Past Simple, used to

Vocabulary: nature objects

Level: Pre-Intermediate

🎵 CD track 7

Teacher's notes

1. Ask students about their associations with 'a romantic landscape' (you may also play intro of this song and ask your class to write down images they have as they listen). While discussing, try to revise as many 'nature words' as possible.

2. Do ex. 1. Play the song.

3. Check the answers. Point out that the last word in the chart is *cloud*. Ask your students if the clouds are white or dark in this song. – *Both*. – *Why?* – *Autumn has come and the lover is gone. So, as you can see this song is a flashback, that's why the character uses a lot of Past Simple verbs.*

3. Students listen to the song again and do ex. 2. Check the answers.

4. Introduce 'used to' structure asking, 'Which two words are not in the Past Simple form, though they refer to the past?' - *Run, roam.*

5. Explain the new structure.

Lyrics and answers

Ex. 1.

	Sun	Cloud	Valley	Field	River	Skies
Picture	F	C	A	E	B	D
Order	2	6	3	1	4	5

Ex. 2

Once there were¹ green fields, kissed by the sun.

Once there were² valleys, where rivers used to run³.

Once there were⁴ blue skies, with white clouds high above.

Once they were⁵ part of an everlasting love.

We were⁶ the lovers who strolled through green fields.

Green fields are gone now, parched by the sun.

Gone from the valleys, where rivers used to run⁷.

Gone with the cold wind, that swept into my heart.

Gone with the lovers, who let⁸ their dreams depart.

Where are the green fields, that we used to roam⁹?

I'll never know what made¹⁰ you run away.

How can I keep searching when dark clouds hide the day.

I only know there's nothing here for me.

Nothing in this wide world, left for me to see.

But I'll keep on waiting, till you return.

I'll keep on waiting, till the day you learn.

You can't be happy, while your heart's on the roam,

You can't be happy until you bring it home.

Home to the green fields, and me once again.

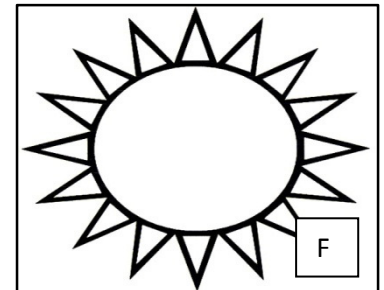
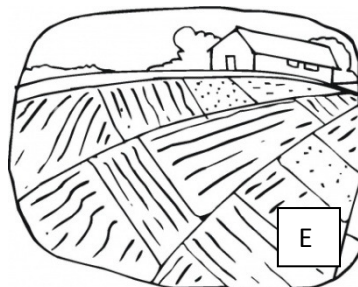
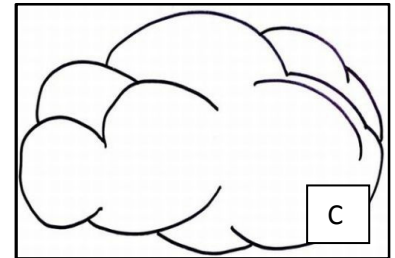
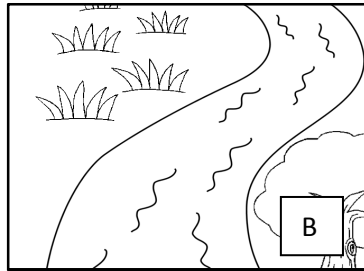
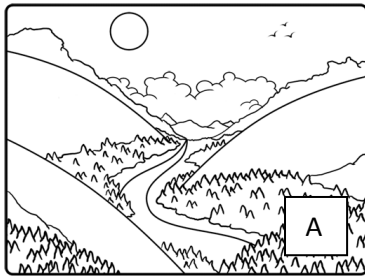
'Greenfields' (Terry Gilkyson - Rich Dehr - Frank Miller) is a song which first became famous in 1960 when it was performed by **The Brothers Four**, an American singing group. Their second single, 'Greenfields', released in January 1960, hit # 2 on the pop charts, and their first album, *Brothers Four*, released toward the end of the year, made the top 20.

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1. Match the words with the pictures. Then listen to the song and arrange the pictures in order you hear.

	Sun	Cloud	Valley	Field	River	Skies
Picture				E		
Order				1		



2. Listen to the song and open the brackets.

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