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**5 minute TOPs**

Learn English with  
Quotes and Song Lyrics



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**“Training with Oral Practice”**

**TOP No. 1: “To be or not to be”**

Hi! I’m Marianne, and I’m going to help you improve your listening and speaking skills with oral exercises based on quotes and song lyrics. On our website [www.QualityTime-ESL.com](http://www.QualityTime-ESL.com) you will find links to song videos on YouTube with the vocabulary we practice in our different episodes.

*In this episode we will focus on the verb “to be”. First listen and repeat.*

To be or not to be, that is the question  
Born to be alive  
I only want to be with you  
I'm not half the man I used to be  
I want to be loved by you  
How I want to be free  
Sorry seems to be the hardest word

*Now check your memory. Listen to the first few words, and then say the whole sentence with the verb “to be”. Listen to the example.*

*I say: To be or...*  
*You say: To be or not to be, that is the question*  
*I say: Born...*  
*You say: Born to be alive*

*Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the answer.*

To be or ...  
To be or not to be, that is the question  
Born ...  
Born to be alive  
I only want ...  
I only want to be with you  
I'm not half ...  
I'm not half the man I used to be



I want ...  
 I want to be loved by you  
 How I want ...  
 How I want to be free  
 Sorry seems ...  
 Sorry seems to be the hardest word

*Now you will hear the last words, and you will say the whole sentence. Listen to the example.*

*I say: ...that is the question.  
 You say: To be or not to be, that is the question.  
 I say: ...to be alive.  
 You say: Born to be alive*

*Now you go on in the same way.*

...that is the question.  
 To be or not to be, that is the question.  
 ...to be alive  
 Born to be alive  
 ...to be with you  
 I only want to be with you  
 ...I used to be  
 I'm not half the man I used to be  
 ...loved by you  
 I want to be loved by you  
 ...to be free  
 How I want to be free  
 ...the hardest word  
 Sorry seems to be the hardest word

*Now say these lines together with me.*

To be or not to be, that is the question.  
 Born to be alive  
 I only want to be with you  
 I'm not half the man I used to be  
 I want to be loved by you  
 How I want to be free  
 Sorry seems to be the hardest word



*That's the end of this episode. Did you recognize the quote and the lyrics we used? If you go to [www.QualityTime-ESL.com](http://www.QualityTime-ESL.com), you'll find links to videos on YouTube with the lyrics and the quote we practiced in this episode plus the script of the podcast. For more oral practice you can try our other series of podcasts "QualityTime-ESL Podcasts" and "Your English". Take care. Bye for now.*

*The quote or songs we referred to in this episode are:*

"To be or not to be" - William Shakespeare,  
"Born To Be Alive" - Patrick Hernandez,  
"I Only Want to Be With You" - Dusty Springfield,  
"Yesterday" - Beatles,  
"I Want to Be Loved By You" - Marilyn Monroe,  
"I Want to Break Free" - Queen,  
"Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word" - Elton John