



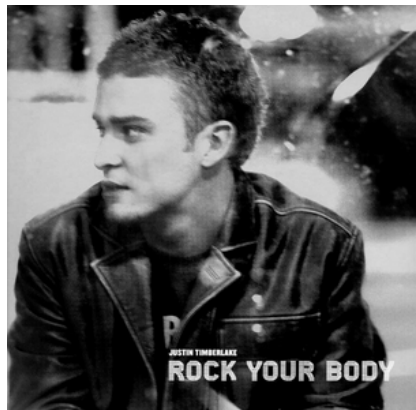
# MUSICMAIL 8

## The boat to Amorgos!

### INTRO

Hi, bienvenido a musicmail express. Hoy vamos a escuchar 'Rock Your Body' por Justin Timberlake y centrarnos en una oración de la letra. Con esta oración vamos a sacar 3 cosas para aprender: una elementary, otra intermediate y finalmente avanzado.... una ganga, no! Y la única pregunta es... ¿eres suficientemente 'cool' para mantener el ritmo.?

Let's go...



*Got time, but I don't mind. Just wanna rock you, girl I'll have whatever you have  
Come on let's give it a whirl*

*See, I've been watchin' you. And I like the way you move. So go 'head, girl, just do it . That ass shakin' thing you do*

*So you grab your girls and you grab a couple more. And you all could meet me in the middle of the floor. Said the air is thick, it's smellin' right. So you pass to the left, then you sail to the right*

*Don't be so quick to walk away (Dance with me) I wanna rock your body, please stay (Dance with me)*

Okay, primero, nuestra clase para nivel principiantes.

Quiero que mires la parte más importante de la letra de esta canción... "I wanna rock your body til' the break of day."

I wanna... es una contracción de 'I want to' y la frase significa...

*Quiero mover tu cuerpo hasta el amanecer. O más bien... quiero bailar contigo hasta que el sol salga...*

THE music

Esta es una oración en presente simple afirmativo... un tiempo que se conjuga así – I want, you want, he wants, she wants, it wants, we want, they want. Negativo, I don't want, you don't want, he doesn't want, she doesn't want, we don't want, they don't want. Interrogativo... do I want? do you want? does he want? does she want? does it want? do we want? do they want?

Okay, now the more interesting part of the class. In this song Justin Timberlake teaches us about **the importance of contractions** in understanding English... Notice that he doesn't say "I want to rock your body until the break of dawn." He says "I wanna rock yo' body til' the breaka dawn." This is real English. In an English academy you say, "I want to rock your body until the break of dawn." In real English... "I wanna rock yo' body til' the breaka dawn." If you want to speak, listen to, and make progress with real English, you must use and learn to recognise contractions. If you do not use them you will not recognise them and you will be stuck in the world of academy English the rest of your life. Okay, let's listen to the same track... different version.



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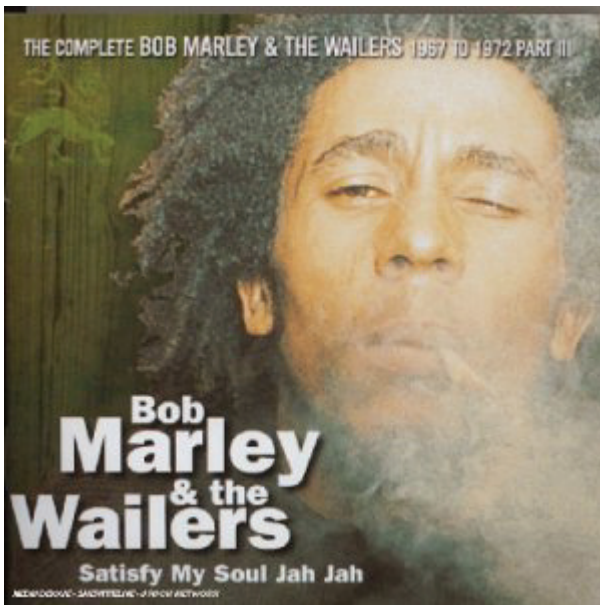
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# THE LINGUISTICS

Okay... language point number 3. The word **'Rock.'** What does the word 'rock' mean and why is it used in ten million songs?

First, let's get something clear... 'rock' in the context of music has nothing to do with geology. No signifi- 'roca'. It comes from the verb 'rock' which means 'to move'. A manifestation of this is a song every English speaker in the world knows that is sung to babies... 'Rock a bye baby on the tree top.' Rocking is a motion from side to side. This is the origin of the word's use in music: rock n' roll. However, there is a variant meaning. If someone says "... Vocatic rocks;" that means 'Vocatic is cool...' which of course, it is.

So, let's listen to the principal use of 'rock' with that truly Shakespearian figure, Michael Jackson. A track from 1980 called...Rock with you.



And now... to finish the show, let's take the phrase and place it back into an everyday context. A common phrase which uses the word 'rock' is... to **'rock the boat...'** or more accurately...**'don't rock the boat.'** Imagine you're crossing a river in a boat – un barcito – the last thing you want is someone to start moving and making the boat unstable. That's what 'don't rock the boat' means – *don't create problems*, don't move a lot or the boat will end up under water.

This isn't just a great phrase...it's a philosophy. Life is a journey in which we are all travelling by boat, and in that boat is a crew – una tripulacion... friends, family, bosses, husbands, wives etc... But you know what the problem is? You never chose most of the crew.

Part of achieving independence and achieving your objectives – like studying English or anything else, is to look at the crew you're travelling with and ask yourself... who's rocking the boat? Who's interfering with my journey?

When you've identified the people who are rocking the boat, there's only one course of action: throw those motherfuckers into the water. And that's where we'll end the show... and remember... this summer at VOCATIC we're offering a free intensive on the Greek island of Amorgos... see you there.... Ciao.

Oh, please don't you rock my boat (don't rock my boat)  
'Cause I don't want my boat to be rockin' (don't rock my boat)  
Oh, please don't you rock my boat (don't rock my boat)  
'Cause I don't want my boat to be rockin' (don't rock my boat)  
I'm telling you that, oh, oh-oooh, wo-o-wo!  
I like it - like it this (I like it like this, I like it like this) -  
So keep it steady, like this. (I like it like this)  
And you should know - you should know by now:  
I like it (I like it like this), I like it like this  
(I like it like this, I like it like this),  
I like it like this, ooh yeah! (I like it like this)  
(Satisfy my soul) You satisfy my soul (satisfy my soul);  
You satisfy my soul (satisfy my soul).  
Every little action (satisfy my soul),  
there's a reaction (satisfy my soul).  
Oh, can't you see what you've done for me, oh, yeah!  
I am happy inside all - all of the time. Wo-oo-o-oo!  
When we (bend) bend a new corner,  
I feel like a (sweep) sweepstake winner.  
When I meet you around the corner (round the corner),  
You make me feel like a sweepstake winner (a sweep - a  
sweepstake winner).  
Whoa, child! Can't you see? You must believe me!  
Oh darling, darling, I'm calling, calling:

Girl, Close Your Eyes  
Let That Rhythm Get Into You  
Don't Try To Fight It  
There Ain't Nothin' That You Can Do  
Relax Your Mind  
Lay Back And Groove With Mine  
You Got To Feel That Heat  
And We Can Ride The Boogie  
Share That Beat Of Love

I Wanna Rock With You (All Night)  
Dance You Into Day (Sunlight)  
I Wanna Rock With You (All Night)  
We're Gonna Rock The Night Away

Out On The Floor  
There Ain't Nobody There But Us  
Girl, When You Dance  
There's A Magic That Must Be Love  
Just Take It Slow  
'Cause We Got So Far To Go  
When You Feel That Heat  
And We're Gonna Ride The Boogie  
Share That Beat Of Love