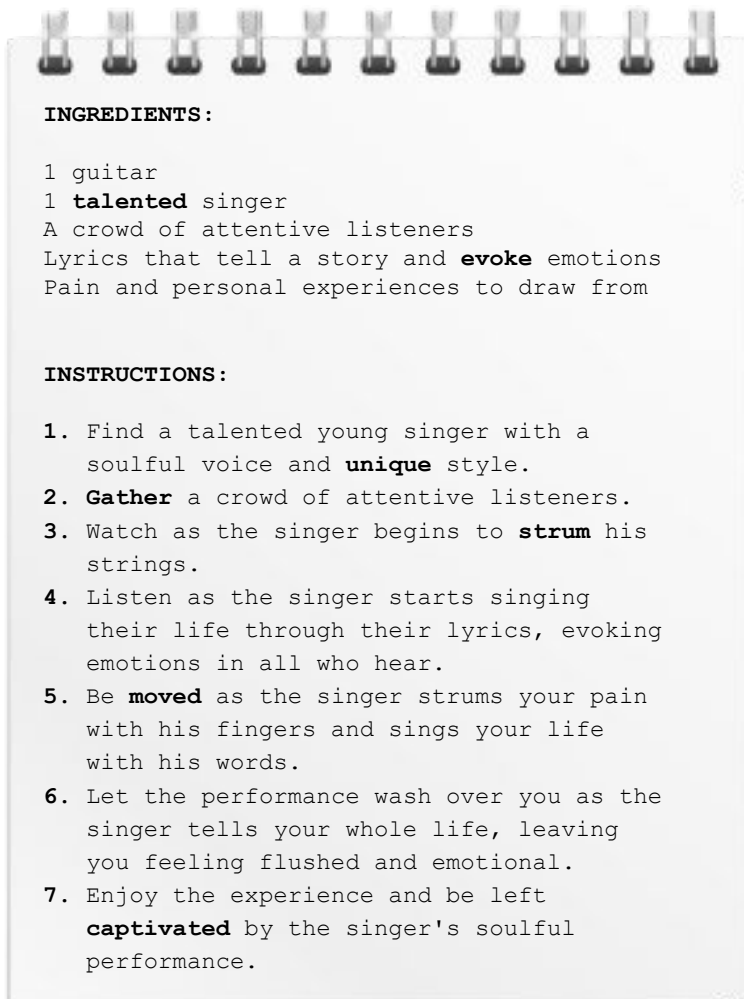


"KILLING ME SOFTLY"

1. Read the following recipe:



INGREDIENTS:

1 guitar
1 **talented** singer
A crowd of attentive listeners
Lyrics that tell a story and **evoke** emotions
Pain and personal experiences to draw from

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Find a talented young singer with a soulful voice and **unique** style.
2. **Gather** a crowd of attentive listeners.
3. Watch as the singer begins to **strum** his strings.
4. Listen as the singer starts singing their life through their lyrics, evoking emotions in all who hear.
5. Be **moved** as the singer strums your pain with his fingers and sings your life with his words.
6. Let the performance wash over you as the singer tells your whole life, leaving you feeling flushed and emotional.
7. Enjoy the experience and be left **captivated** by the singer's soulful performance.

2. Read the recipe again and match the words in bold with one of the words below:

- a. exceptional:
- b. fascinated:
- c. collect:
- d. touched:
- e. stimulate:
- f. play a stringed instrument:
- g. gifted:


3. Choose 5 words from the recipe that summarise the text:



4. Read the following. Fill in the gaps with one word from the recipe. You can use the same word more than once.

I heard he sang a good song
I heard he had a (1) _____
And so I came to see him, and (2) _____ for a while
And there he was, this (3) _____ boy
A stranger to my eyes

Strumming my (4) _____ with his (5) _____
Singing my (6) _____ with his (7) _____
Killing me softly with his song
Telling my whole (8) _____ with his (9) _____
Killing me softly with his song



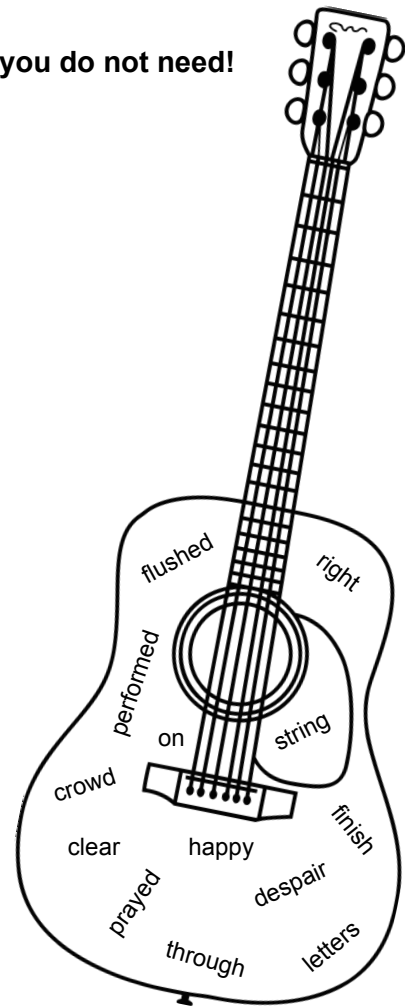
Now listen and check your answers.

5. Fill in the gaps with words from the guitar. There are 3 words you do not need!

I felt all (1) _____ with fever
 Embarrassed by the (2) _____
 I felt he'd found my (3) _____ and read each
 one out loud
 I (4) _____ that he would (5) _____
 But he just kept (6) _____ on




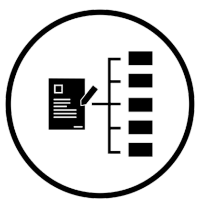
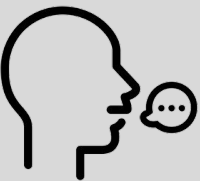
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He sang as if he knew me
 In all my dark (7) _____
 And then he looked right (8) _____ me
 As if I wasn't there
 And he just kept (9) _____ singing
 Singing (10) _____ and strong



Now listen and check your answers.

6. Choose one of the following tasks:

<p>1. Imagine you are the singer in the text. Describe your perspective and thoughts while singing the song.</p> 	<p>2. Create a dialogue between the narrator and the singer, discussing the impact the singer's song had on the narrator's life.</p> 	<p>3. Reflect on the significance of the lines "strumming my pain with his fingers" and "killing me softly with his song", and what they might symbolise.</p> 
<p>4. Write a story that takes place right after the narrator's encounter with the singer.</p> 	<p>5. Consider the phrase "telling my whole life with his words" and reflect on the power of words in our lives.</p> 	<p>6. Imagine you are the narrator and write a letter to the singer, expressing your gratitude and admiration for his song.</p> 