

In this unit, you will learn about the song  
**"Coming Home" by Tamir Grinberg  
and Shiri Maimon**, which was dedicated  
to the Israelis taken hostage by Hamas.  
The remaining Israeli hostages held in  
Gaza have been **freed**.

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## Learn Vocabulary

Before you listen to the song learn this [vocabulary](#).

**Crossword puzzle:** [Click here](#).

1. taken hostage – מִּטְּוּפִים / مخطوف
2. citizen - אזרח / مواطن
3. kingdom – ממלכה / مملكة
4. darkest – הכי חשוך / مظلم
5. dawn – שחר / فجر
6. hostage- ערובה / رهينة
7. murder – לרצוח / قتل
8. missing – נעדר / مفقود / ضائع

**Citizen:** A person who is a legal member of a country and has rights and responsibilities under its law

**Kingdom:** A country ruled by a king or queen

**Darkest:** The time of day when there is no light from the sun, especially the time just before night

**Dawn:** The time of day when light first appears in the sky, before the sun rises

**Hostage:** A person who is captured and held by someone who demands that certain things be done before the captured person is freed

**Murder:** The crime of intentionally killing a person

**Missing:** When someone cannot be found

## Before Listening...

On October 7th, more than 1300 innocent Israeli civilians were murdered and hundreds were taken hostage by Hamas. Many of the hostages were children, women and elderly. In October 2025, the remaining Israeli hostages being held in Gaza have been freed.

**Listen to the song [Coming Home](#)** by Tamir Grinberg & Shiri Maimon - COMING HOME (For the Israelis kidnapped by Hamas). This song is adapted from Skylar Grey - Coming Home.

Image taken from [Bring Them Home Now](#)

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2. 1. This song is about the Israelis taken hostage by Hamas on October 7th, 2023 ★ 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

3. 2. What is meant by the phrase "See, you can doubt and you can hate but I know, no matter what it takes I'm coming home" \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A) The speaker encourages doubt and hate in order to get home
- ☐ B) The speaker is uncertain if they can make it home
- ☐ C) The speaker expects doubt and hate from others but will get home no matter what
- ☐ D) The speaker warns others not to doubt or hate

4. 3. What does the line "Let the rain wash away all the pain of yesterday" suggest? \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A) Tears are falling from the sky
- ☐ B) Rain will literally wash away blood
- ☐ C) Water will cleanse the singer's kingdom
- ☐ D) The singer wants to erase the painful memories

5. 4. What is the meaning of "And the wind will rise up to fill my sails"? \* 13 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A) A strong wind will move the singer's boat
- ☐ B) The speaker's spirit is renewed like wind in a sail
- ☐ C) There is a storm on the sea
- ☐ D) The wind carries the singer home

6. 5. When the speaker says "I know my kingdom awaits" it means: \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A) The speaker rules a kingdom
- ☐ B) Heaven awaits the speaker
- ☐ C) The speaker will reclaim their throne
- ☐ D) The speaker's home country awaits their return

7. 6. When the speaker says "Tell the world I'm coming home". What does he mean? \* 10 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A. He is not sure that he is coming home
- ☐ B. It should be a secret that he is coming home
- ☐ C. Everyone should know that he is coming

8. 7. What is the emotional theme conveyed in the sentence "Tell the world I'm coming home"? \* 13 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A) Sadness
- ☐ B) Anticipation and hope
- ☐ C) Regret
- ☐ D) Indifference

9. 8. What is the meaning of the phrase "it's always darkest before the dawn" in the context of the song. \* 12 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A) The night is the most peaceful time.
- ☐ B) Things tend to improve just when they seem the worst.
- ☐ C) Dawn is the darkest part of the day.
- ☐ D) Darkness is everlasting.

10. 9. What does the phrase "I know my kingdom awaits And they're fighting for my sake" suggest? \* 12 points

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ A) The speaker is leaving their kingdom behind.
- ☐ B) The speaker is fighting for his country.
- ☐ C) The speaker expects to be saved by his country.
- ☐ D) The speaker is going on a journey to find a new kingdom.

11. 10. In your opinion, how should governments deal with terrorist organizations? (This is a bonus activity).

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**Learn about the hostages**

[The last of the Israeli hostages being held in Gaza are expected to be freed, CNN, 2025.](#)

More information: [here](#).

## Suggestions for Discussion

- How should governments respond to the abduction of their civilians?
- Is refusing to negotiate with terrorist organizations justified?
- What lessons from history can guide us in dealing with terrorist organizations?
- How can the international community work together to prevent terrorist organizations?
- What are the long-term consequences of negotiating with terrorist organizations?
- How can governments ensure the safety of their citizens in areas where terrorist organizations are active?

## Links

[All 20 living hostages in Gaza now handed over, BBC, 2025.](#)

[Ceasefire: 47 hostages remain to be released within 72 hours. October, 2025.](#)

<https://stories.bringthemhomenow.net/speak-up>

[Bring Them Home: A Broadway Prayer](#)

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