

If I Were a Boy by Beyoncé

A – Before watching the video, fill in the gaps with second conditional structures, using the verbs in brackets

If I _____ a boy (be)
even just for a day

I _____ out of bed in the morning (roll)
and throw on what I wanted and go

Drink beer with the guys
and chase after girls

I _____ it with who I wanted (kick)
and I _____ confronted for it (*never* get)
cause they stick up for me

Chorus:

If I were a boy
I think I could _____ (understand)

How it feels to love a girl

I swear I'd be a better man

I _____ to her (listen)

Cause I know how it hurts

When you lose the one you wanted

Cause he's taking you for granted

And everything you had got destroyed

If I were a boy

I _____ off my phone (turn off)

Tell everyone it's broken

so they'd think that I was sleeping alone

I _____ myself first (put)

and make the rules as I go

Cause I know that she _____ faithful, (be)
waiting for me to come home, to come home.

[Chorus]

It's a little too late for you to come back

Say it's just a mistake,

think I'd forgive you like that

If you _____ I _____ for you (think) (wait)
you thought wrong

But you're just a boy
You don't understand
and you don't understand, ohhhh
How it feels to love a girl
Someday you wish you _____ a better man (be)
You don't listen to her
You don't care how it hurts

Until you lose the one you wanted
Cause you're taking her for granted
And everything you had got destroyed

But you're just a boy

Glossary

- kick it (verb) to relax or pass time idly.

- stick up for (phrasal verb) – stick up for someone or something : to speak in support of a person or an idea, belief, or plan, especially when no one else will.

- take someone for granted (phrase) : to expect someone to always be there and do things for you even when you do not show that you are grateful.

B – Watch the video and after that, in pairs, discuss these questions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWpsOqh8q0M>

- Have you ever wished that you were someone else?
- Do you think relationships are now more balanced than they used to be in our mother's time?
- If you knew your partner had cheated on you, would you accept his/her apology, or would you break up?
- In your opinion, being a man is easier than being a woman?

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