

## Learning English with songs

*Teacher's instructions.*

**Everyday life and feelings.**

**Form 7**

**Aim:**

- to listen to the omitted words (first students try to guess the words with the help of the pictures and then they listen and check the words);
- to discuss about feelings (sadness; happiness)

**Skills:** reading, writing, speaking, listening

Occana, whose real name **Oceana Mahlmann**, was born in 1982 in Germany (of a DJ father of origin of Martinique and a mother of German fashion designer). She took classes in dance from the age of five years and singing lessons. As a teenager, she received a scholarship to study music and take her first real singing lessons. On the advice of a family friend, Maccio Parker, she began a singing career. She became singer for the band Secced. Occana released her first album in 2009. "Love Supply" is a subtle mix of soul and R'n'B with accents of reggae and hip-hop that give a touch of color to the music of Occana. Her first single was „Cry Cry“. <http://www.stars-celcbrites.com/OCEANA/printable-occana.htm>

**Pre-listening activities**

- Tell the students that they are going to listen to a song "Cry Cry". Do they know who sings that song? What do they think the song is about? 5 minutes brainstorm to get students ideas about this song.
- Give information about the singer.
- Deliver the song lyrics where some words have been omitted. The pictures next to the lyrics are in the wrong order. Ask the students to guess the words and then fill in the blanks with the words.

**While-listening activities**

- Play the song. Students try to catch the words that are missing from the lyrics.
- Play the song again so that they can check.

**Post-listening activities**

- Check their answers.
- Explain the new words if needed (e.g. inseparately).
- Have a discussion about the song. How do they feel after listening to this song? What makes this song sad/happy? How do they understand the expression "she drugs away the pain"?
- As homework they write a summary of the text (concentrating on different feelings). At about 100 words or 10 sentences.