The First Noel

🎵 sing along

1 Listen and sing.

VERSE 1

The first **Noel** the angel did say
Was to certain poor **shepherds** in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

🎶 CHORUS

Noel, *Noel, Noel, Noel,*
Born is the King of Israel.

VERSE 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the **east**, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

VERSE 3

And by the light of that same star
Three **wise men** came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

2 Look at these words from the song.

Noel

Noel is an old word for Christmas.



shepherds

Shepherds keep their sheep safe.



wise men

Three wise men follow the star.



east

The sun comes up in the east.

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✏️ listen and write: easy

1 Listen and fill in the song. Use the words in the box.

angel | cold | fields | King | night | Noel | sheep | shepherds

VERSE 1

The first Noel the _____ did say

Was to certain poor _____ in _____ as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their _____,

On a _____ winter's _____ that was so deep.

🎶 CHORUS

_____, *Noel, Noel, Noel,*

Born is the _____ *of Israel.*

2 Look and write.



I can see a _____.



It's very _____ today.



This is an _____.



He is the _____.

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✏️ listen and write: harder

1 Listen and fill in the song.

VERSE 1

The first Noel the _____ did say

Was to certain _____ _____ in fields as they _____;

In fields where they lay _____ their sheep,

On a cold _____ night that was so _____.

VERSE 2

They _____ up and saw a _____

Shining in the _____, beyond them far;

And to the earth it gave great _____,

And so it _____ both day and _____.

VERSE 3

And by the light of that same star

Three _____ men came from _____ far;

To _____ for a King was their _____,

And to _____ the star wherever it went.

2 The song and today's English. Match.

IN THE SONG

1	The angel did say	☐
2	Certain poor shepherds	☐
3	Beyond them far	☐
4	To seek for a King	☐
5	Was their intent	☐

TODAY

A	some poor shepherds
B	far away from them
C	The angel said.
D	was their plan
E	to look for a King

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💬 from the song to real life

1 Read. Cover one side and say the other.

✋ COVER AND REMEMBER

	IN THE SONG	YOU CAN SAY TODAY
1	On a cold winter's night	It's a cold winter's night, so stay in.
2	They looked up and saw a star	I looked up and saw a shooting star.
3	Keeping their sheep	Can you keep an eye on my bag?
4	The angel did say	I did say that, but I changed my mind.
5	To follow the star	Follow me, I know the way.
6	Both day and night	It snowed all day and all night.

2 And you? Write two true sentences.

Last night I looked up and saw … . On a cold day I … .

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📖 the story behind the song

1 Read the story of this song.

The First Noel is an old song from **Cornwall**, in the southwest of England. It was first printed in the 1800s.

Noel is an old word for Christmas. The song tells the story of the shepherds and the wise men, who followed a star.

2 Who is in the song? Read and say.



the shepherds

The shepherds are with their sheep.



the angels

The angels bring good news.



the wise men

The wise men follow the star.



the star

The star shines over Bethlehem.

3 From the Bible. Read, then read the simple version.

🕯️ MATTHEW 2:10 (KING JAMES VERSION)

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

In simple words: The wise men saw the star and they were very, very happy.

4 Fill in the sentences.

1 The song comes from _____.

2 Noel is an old word for _____.

3 The wise men followed a _____.

4 They were very _____.