

## Beyoncé - If I Were a Boy

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

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWps0qh8q0M>

- **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?**

## **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.