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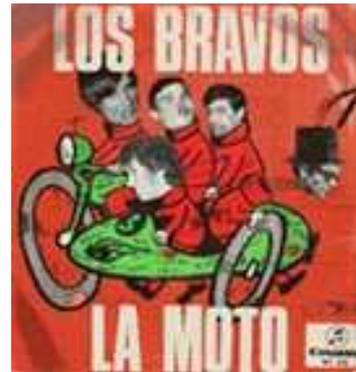
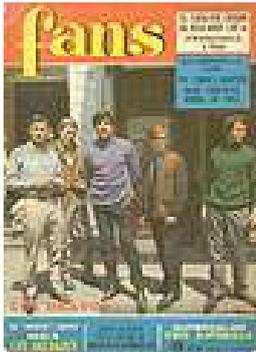
IDIOMA: INGLÉS

PRÁCTICA: COMPRENSIÓN ORAL

NIVEL: NIVEL BÁSICO

MATERIAL: CINTA-CD/ CUESTIONARIO/ SOLUCIONES

**TEMA: GRAMÁTICA, LÉXICO Y EXPRESIONES
IDIOMÁTICAS N. ELEMENTAL. FONEMAS VOCÁLICOS.**



Los Bravos formed in 1966, just as the British Invasion was on the wane, or so the liner notes to this first-time CD reissue say. The group was led by former Mike & the Runaways singer Michael Volker Kogel (born in Berlin, Germany, in 1944). The other four original members -- bassist Miguel Vicens Danus (born in Corunna, Spain, 1943), guitarist Tony Martinez (born in Madrid, Spain, 1944), organist Manuel Fernandez (Sevilla, Spain, 1942), and drummer Pablo Sanllehi (Barcelona, Spain, 1943) -- had all been working together previously in the Spanish group Los Sonors. Upon coming together to try their hand at cracking the English-speaking European pop market, this new configuration changed their name for a one-off single on Columbia Records' Spanish division before they eventually signed with Decca Records' Spanish division. They were assigned to work with successful British producer/ arranger/ conductor/ composer Ivor Raymonde (who had already scored numerous U.K. hits with Marty Wilde, Billy Fury, Dave Berry, and others) in England. The result of this union of talent and proven production skills produced the band's first single, the rhythm-driven "**Black Is Black**," that same year. It shot up the charts to number two in the U.K. and on August 10, 1966, it charted on Billboard and CashBox. Soon the band enjoyed moderate to major success around the world. In addition to the band's big hit, this CD reissue of Black Is Black features the group's U.K. follow-up, "I Don't Care," which recalls the Walker Brothers with its similar vocal/horn-laden arrangement -- as well as a handful of smartly produced, upbeat British Invasion-style pop numbers (Los Bravos were also influenced by black American soul and R&B acts, especially those on Motown).

BEFORE YOU LISTEN TO THE SONG:

1. Place the words in the grid according to the sound of the vowel:

back, time, grey, strong, intend, black, do, away, choose, wrong, blue,
lose, way, sad, mind, today, bad, again,

/æ/	/ei/	/u:/	/e/	/o/	/ai/

2. Expressions:

Match these expressions with their meaning:

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| 1. I can't choose | a. I am sad |
| 2. Peace of mind | b. Nobody stops me from doing what I want |
| 3. (If) I had my way | c. I have no option |
| 4. I feel blue | d. Calmness |

WHILE YOU LISTEN

3. Fill the blanks in the song with the words from exercise 1.

Black is _____
 I want my baby _____
 It's _____, it's _____
 Since she went _____, Ooh-Ooh
 What can I _____
 'Cause I-I-I-I-I'm feeling _____

If I had my _____
 She'd be back _____
 But she don't _____
 To see me _____, Ooh-Ooh
 What can I _____
 'Cause I-I-I-I-I'm feeling _____

I can't _____
 It's too much to _____
 My love's too _____
 Wow! Maybe if she
 would come back to me
 Then it can't go _____

Bad is _____
 That I feel so _____
 It's _____ it's _____
 That I found peace of _____ Ooh-Ooh
 What can I _____
 'Cause I-I-I-I-I'm feeling _____

I can't _____
 It's too much to _____
 My love's too _____
 Wow! Maybe if she
 would come back to me
 then it can't go _____

Black is _____
 I want my baby _____
 It's _____, it's _____
 Since she went _____, Ooh-Ooh
 What can I _____
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4. Have you found any grammatical mistakes?

key

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/æ/	/ei/	/u:/	/e/	/o/	/ai/
black	away	lose	intend	wrong	time
back	grey	choose	again	strong	mind
bad	way	do			
sad	today	blue			

2 1c 2d 3b 4a

3 below you have the song with all the words

4 yes, "she *don't* intend " should be "she *doesn't* intend"

Black is black
 I want my baby back
 It's grey, it's grey
 Since she went away, Ooh-Ooh
 What can I do
 'Cause I-I-I-I-I'm feeling' blue

Bad is bad
 That I feel so sad
 It's time, it's time
 That I found peace of mind, Ooh-Ooh
 What can I do
 'Cause I-I-I-I-I'm feeling' blue

If I had my way
 She'd be back today
 But she don't intend
 To see me again, Ooh-Ooh
 What can I do
 'Cause I-I-I-I-I'm feeling' blue

I can't choose
 It's too much to lose
 My love's too strong
 Wow! Maybe if she
 would come back to me
 Then it can't go wrong

I can't choose
 It's too much to lose
 My love's too strong
 Wow! Maybe if she
 would come back to me
 Then it can't go wrong

Black is black
 I want my baby back
 It's grey, it's grey
 Since she went away, Ooh-Ooh
 What can I do
 'Cause I-I-I-I-I'm feeling' blue