



# Sing for Hull

With the Albemarle Broadband



## Week 14 – Roar Listening Activities

*Roar* was released in 2013 by American singer song-writer Katy Perry. It was co-written by Bonnie McKee and the producers of the song. *Roar* featured on Perry's fourth studio album, *Prism*. The song is often described as a self-empowerment anthem. Listen to *Roar* and answer these questions:

1. What genre do you think the song belongs to?
2. The lyrics feature the line '*I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter*'. What other *Sing for Hull* song does that link to? Why do you think Katy uses that line in this song?
3. Think about the journey of self-empowerment that runs through the lyrics. What is the difference between the attitude shown in the first two verses compared to verse 3?
4. The vocals for this song have been mixed in layers. Listen carefully, can you hear more than one layer of Katy Perry's voice during the song? Can you hear moments where it overlaps?
5. This is the second Katy Perry song featured in *Sing for Hull*. Can you describe any similarities or differences between *Roar* and *Firework*? Which do you prefer?
6. *Roar* became very popular very quickly due to its catchy 'sing-a-long' phrases. Which lines do you think stand out and make the song memorable?
7. Can you identify the structure of the **original** song using the terms: Intro, Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus and Bridge?
8. Do you like the song *Roar*? Why?

### *Roar – Did you know?*

Songwriters want their music to stand out and be remembered. They use many techniques to draw the listener in so they want to listen to the song over and over again. **Repetition** is one of these techniques and *Roar* uses a lot of **repetition**. In fact the word '*Roar*' is used 16 times in the song! In fishing, you use a hook to catch a fish. In music, a '**hook**' is a catchy section that ropes a listener in and makes you remember the song. In *Eye of the Tiger*, the **hook** is the famous **guitar riff**. What do you think the '**hook**' is in *Roar*? Can you think of any other '**hooks**' from memorable songs?