

The microphone I...

TAKE (took, **taken**). You **SHAKE** (shook, **shaken**).
WAKE (woke, **woken**) to the **style** I'm creating.
THINK (thought, **thought**). **SEEK** (sought, **sought**).
listen to the **lesson** that I **TEACH** (taught, **taught**).

Don't **SLEEP** (slept, **slept**). I **CREEP** (crept, **crept**).
I **SNEAK** (snuck, **snuck** up). You **LEAP** (leapt, **leapt**).
I **KEEP** (kept, **kept**) **having fun**.
I'm never **BEAT** (beat, **beaten**); I **WIN** (won, **won**).
DO (did, **done**). **BEGIN** (began, **begun**).
SHOOT (shot, **shot**)—no, I **don't** own a **gun**.
I **LEAD** (led, **led**) so I can **FEED** (fed, **fed**)
the **knowledge** you **need**, **straight** to your **head**.
When I **BRING** (brought, **brought**) it, you **CATCH** (caught, **caught**) it.
Sit **back**, **relax**. Don't **FIGHT** (fought, **fought**) it.

Please don't...

FREEZE (froze, **frozen**) when I **SPEAK** (spoke, **spoken**).
It's **real**. You can **feel** I don't **STEAL** (stole, **stolen**).
I **CHOOSE** (chose, **chosen**) the **very** best **rhymes** and
WRITE (wrote, **written**) them **into** my **lines** and
into your **mind**. When we **MEET** (met, **met**)
I'll **BET** (bet, **bet**) I won't **let** you **forGET**
(forgot, forgotten). I **GET** (got, **gotten**)
every head **nodding**. Don't **think** about **stopping**...
...just **COME** (came, **come**).
This is **hip** hop. I don't **SING** (sang, **sung**).
I **STING** (stung, **stung**). I **CLING** (clung, **clung**).
On **each** and every **word**, you **HANG** (hung, **hung**).

It's **not** enough to...

DREAM (dreamt, **dreamt**); you've got to **SPEND** (spent, **spent**)
time on your **goals**. Please **LEND** (lent, **lent**) me your
ear. Come **near** and I'll **lay** (laid, **laid**)
down this new **sound** that I **MAKE** (made, **made**).
I **hope** you don't **say** that you **think** it's **junk**.
I **hope** you don't **think** that I **STINK** (stank, **stank**).
If you're **thirsty** for **English**, come **DRINK** (drank, **drunk**)
because I **SINK** (sank, **sunk**) **all** the **competition** when they
HEAR (heard, **heard**) that I **GIVE** (gave, **given**)
encouragement when I **SPIT** (spat, **spat**).
Never **QUIT** (quit, **quit**); don't **SIT** (sat, **sat**).
Yeah, I **like** it like **that**. I'll even **KNEEL** (knelt, **knelt**).
and **beg** you to **express** what you **FEEL** (felt, **felt**).

I **RISE** (rose, **risen**) when I **DRIVE** (drove, **driven**) through
the **beat**; tap your **feet** as you **RIDE** (rode, **ridden**).
Those that **hide** (hid, **hidden**) I **FIND** (found, **found**).
If you **FLEE** (fled, **fled**) then I'll **track** you **down**.

Now you **SEE** (saw, **seen**) that I **MEAN** (meant, **meant**)
every **word** of the **message** that I **SEND** (sent, **sent**).
I **SHOW** (showed, **shown**) I can **FLY** (flew, **flown**).
Now you **KNOW** (knew, **known**) I **SHINE** (shone, **shone**).
I'll **THROW** (threw, **thrown**) you the **ball**. It's your **turn**.
GROW (grew, **grown**) with the **verbs** that you've **learned**.
grammar through **lyrics** I **DRAW** (drew, **drawn**).
Peace to **ells**, now I **GO** (went, **gone**)!