



Young, Dumb and Broke (song by Khalid)

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPfJnp1guPc>

Level: Medium to High

Language: Adjectives, Relationships, Adolescence, School, Colloquial expressions

Young, Dumb and Broke was the first major hit for American singer Khalid.

Task 1: Listen to the song once. Answer these questions.

- Who is "young, dumb and broke"?
- Who is Khalid singing to? Explain.



Task 2: Match the opposite adjectives.

Adjectives from the song	Adjectives with the opposite meaning
a. great	(e.) embarrassed
b. broke	() terrible
c. right	() boring
d. fun	() incorrect
e. proud	() old
f. dumb	() rich
g. young	() correct
h. wrong	() intelligent

Task 3: Below there are 8 words/expressions from the song. Complete sentences 1-8 using one of the words/expressions **in bold**. If the word is a verb, remember to use it in the correct form.

- an **announcement**
- a **semester**
- a **commitment**
- a **sin**
- to **wish**
- to be **caught up**
- to **argue**
- to be **pretty sure**

- I _____ I had more money so that I could buy a new phone.
- Jake said that the exam was very difficult. He's _____ that he failed it.
- If Stephanie buys a house, she'll need to pay for it for the next 25 years. She isn't sure if she wants to make such a big _____. Maybe she would prefer to rent a flat.
- All the students were very happy because it was the end of the _____ and they were excited to start their holidays.
- Sandra and her sister always _____. They can't agree about anything and they often get angry with each other.
- "Attention! This is a security _____. Please tell the police if you see any suspicious packages in the airport."





7. I'm so tired today. Last night, I was watching *Stranger Things* and I became so _____ in the story that I watched six episodes!
8. Many religious people believe that an action like stealing is a _____. This means that it is a bad action which will make God angry.

Task 4: Now read the lyrics of the song. The adjectives from Task 2 are marked **in bold**. Complete each gap using a term from **Task 3**. You will need to use one of the terms twice. Once you've finished, listen to the song again to check.

<p>(Head-teacher): Attention students, This is your last _____ for the _____. You've had a great year And I'm proud of each and every one of you. But now it's time to go out in the real world And I just want to _____ you all good luck. You're going to need it!</p> <p>So you're still thinking of me Just like I know you should. I cannot give you everything, You know I _____ I could. I'm so high at the moment, I'm so _____ in this. Yeah, we're just young, dumb and broke But we've still got love to give</p> <p>Chorus: While we're Young, dumb, young, young, dumb and broke (x3) Young, dumb, broke high school kids (x2)</p>	<p>We have so much in common: We _____ all the time. You always say I'm wrong, I'm _____ I'm right. What's fun about _____? When we have our life to live? Yeah, we're just young, dumb and broke But we've still got love to give.</p> <p>(repeat Chorus)</p> <p>Jump and we think, Leave it all in the game of love (love). Run into _____, Do it all in the name of fun (fun)</p> <p>I'm so high ... (repeat from first verse)</p>
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Task 5: Look at the song lyrics again. Discuss the questions below with your classmate and write a short answer to each.

- Why does the head-teacher say "good luck" to the students?
- This song is about a relationship between Khalid and another person. They want different things. Explain.

Khalid wants ...

The other person wants ...





Answers

Task 1:

- Khalid is a teenager in high school. When he says "we're young, dumb and broke", he is referring to himself, his partner and probably all his friends/schoolmates.
- The song is obviously about a relationship. We imagine that he is singing to his partner, or possibly his ex (see Task 5).

Task 2:

Adjectives from the song	Adjectives with the opposite meaning
great broke right fun proud dumb young wrong	terrible rich incorrect boring embarrassed intelligent old correct

Task 3:

- I wish I had more money so that I could buy a new phone.
- Jake said that the exam was very difficult. He's pretty sure that he failed it.
- If Stephanie buys a house, she'll need to pay for it for the next 25 years. She isn't sure if she wants to make such a big commitment. Maybe she would prefer to rent a flat.
- All the students were very happy because it was the end of the semester and they were excited to start their holidays.
- Sandra and her sister always argue. They can't agree about anything and they often get angry with each other.
- "Attention! This is a security announcement. Please tell the police if you see any suspicious packages in the airport."
- I'm so tired today. Last night, I was watching Stranger Things and I became so caught up in the story that I watched six episodes!
- Many religious people believe that an action like stealing is a sin. This means that it is a bad action which will make God angry.

Task 4: Missing terms (in order)

announcement
semester
wish
wish
caught up
argue
pretty sure
commitment
sin

Task 5:

- He says "good luck" because it is the start of the summer holidays and the students are going to live in the "real world", possibly working in summer jobs.
- Khalid wants freedom and fun. The other person wants a long-term, serious relationship. Suggested parts of the song which express this: "I cannot give you everything, You know I wish I could." "What's fun about commitment?" "Do it all in the name of fun."

