

Young, Dumb and Broke (song by Khalid)

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

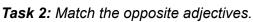
Level: Medium to High

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.





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 sin

• to argue

- a semester
- to wish

to be pretty sure

- a commitment
- to be caught up

1. I I had more money so that I	could buy a new phone.	
Jake said that the exam was very difficult	cult. He's	_ that he failed it.
3. If Stephanie buys a house, she'll need	I to pay for it for the next 25	years. She isn't sure if she
wants to make such a big	Maybe she would pre	fer to rent a flat.
All the students were very happy beca	nuse it was the end of the	and they were
excited to start their holidays.		
5. Sandra and her sister always	They can't agree about a	anything and they often get
angry with each other.		
6. "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 <i>Stranger Things</i> and I be	ecame 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.

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

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	terrible
broke	rich
right	incorrect
fun	boring
proud	embarrassed
dumb	intelligent
young	old
wrong	correct

Task 3:

- a. I wish I had more money so that I could buy a new phone.
- b. Jake said that the exam was very difficult. He's pretty sure that he failed it.
- c. 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.
- d. All the students were very happy because it was the end of the semester and they were excited to start their holidays.
- e. Sandra and her sister always argue. They can't agree about anything and they often get angry with each other.
- f. "Attention! This is a security announcement. Please tell the police if you see any suspicious packages in the airport."
- g. 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!
- h. 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:

- a. 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.
- b. 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."

