

**M5: AMERICAN OXYGEN[[1]](#footnote-1) © RIHANNA, 2015**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao8cGLIMtvg>

1. **Getting started: Note down your associations with the title of the song.**
2. **Listen to the song and have a look at the lyrics:**
3. **Choose words that describe how the song makes you feel (and be prepared to explain why.)**



<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/ce/bc/99/cebc99d2bdc5ff361c74cbd2da643f40.jpg> (last accessed: March 19, 2023)

1. **Have a look at the text and try to summarize the main message of the song.**

Breathe out, breathe in  
American oxygen  
Every breath I breathe2  
Chasin' this American Dream  
We sweat for a nickel and a dime3  
Turn it into an empire  
Breathe in, this feeling  
American, American oxygen

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Oh say can you see4, this is the American Dream  
Young girl, hustlin'5  
On the other side of the ocean  
You can be anything at all  
In America, America  
I say, can't you see  
Just close your eyes and breathe

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Tryna6 get the wheels in motion  
But he can be anything at all  
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**(3) Now watch the video :**

1. **Use a second color and mark the words in (2a) which you would choose now.**
2. **Try to identify some of the scenes presented in the video and complete the mind map below.**

**USA**

**(4) Good angel or bad angel? Take your notes as a starting point and discuss this question.**

1. oxygen = O2(Sauerstoff); 2 to breathe = atmen, breath = Atem; 3 nickel = 5 cents, dime = 10 cents

   4 Oh say can you see” = first line of the US national anthem (Hymne) 5 to hustle: double meaning = to hurry / to be a prostitute

   6 tryna = trying to

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