



M5: AMERICAN OXYGEN¹ © RIHANNA, 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao8cGLIMtvq>

(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:**

(a) **Choose words that describe how the song makes you feel (and be prepared to explain why.)**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afraid • Amused • Angry • Annoyed • Anxious • Apathetic • Apprehensive • Arrogant • Ashamed • Astonished • Awful • Bad • Bewildered • Bored • Brave • Calm • Careful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain • Charged • Charming • Cheerful • Cheery • Clumsy • Comfortable • Condemned • Confused • Content • Cooperative • Courageous • Crazy • Creepy • Cruel • Dangerous • Defeated • Defiant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delightful • Depressed • Determined • Disappointed • Disgusted • Disinterested • Disturbed • Dizzy • Dull • Eager • Elated • Embarrassed • Encouraging • Energetic • Envious • Evil • Excited • Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faithful • Fantastic • Fearful • Fierce • Fine • Foolish • Fortunate • Friendly • Frightened • Frustrated • Funny • Generous • Gentle • Glad • Good • Grumpy • Happy • Healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungry • Jealous • Jittery • Jolly • Kind • Lazy • Lively • Lovely • Lucky • Mad • Naughty • Nervous • Nice • Nutty • Obstinate • Panicky • Perfect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant • Pleased • Prepared • Proud • Quiet • Ready • Relieved • Reluctant • Repulsive • Restless • Sad • Scared • Scary • Selfish • Shocked • Silly • Sleepy • Smiling
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<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/ce/bc/99/cebc99d2bdc5ff361c74cbd2da643f40.jpg> (last accessed: March 19, 2023)

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

5	Breathe out, breathe in American oxygen Every breath I breathe ² Chasin' this American Dream We sweat for a nickel and a dime ³ Turn it into an empire Breathe in, this feeling American, American oxygen	20	Breathe out, breathe in American oxygen Every breath I breathe Chasin' this American Dream We sweat for a nickel and a dime
10	American oxygen Breathe in, this feeling American, American Oxygen	25	Turn it into an empire Breathe in, this feeling American, American oxygen
15	Oh say can you see ⁴ , 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	30	American oxygen Breathe in, this feeling American, American Oxygen
		35	Oh say can you see, this is the American Dream Young boy, hustlin' Tryna ⁶ get the wheels in motion But he can be anything at all In America, America I say, can't you see
		40	Just close your eyes and breathe

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

(3) Now watch the video :

(a) Use a second color and mark the words in (2a) which you would choose now.

(b) Try to identify some of the scenes presented in the video and complete the mind map below.

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