

ROCK YOUR ENGLISH!

CHAPTER 2: ANSWERS

POP QUIZ

- 1 Suzanne Vega
- 2 His real name is Marshall Mathers (that's why he came up with 'M and M' – Eminem!), and his alter ego is known as Slim Shady.
- 3 Jack Johnson
- 4 Tracy Chapman
- 5 Amy Winehouse
- 6 Otis Redding

EAR CANDY

- 1 'The tide' is the rise and fall of the waters of the ocean, caused by the attraction of the sun and the moon
- 2 The Frisco Bay is the Bay area of San Francisco, California
- 3 'To roam' means to travel without a fixed purpose or destination
- 4 'Nothing's gonna come my way' probably means that nothing good is going to happen to him, that he has no luck in life. The previous line 'I have nothing to live for' adds to this feeling.

Statements and Questions

- 1 I am working hard now.
- 2 He is not driving his car now.
- 3 Why are you running away?

1 SITUATIONS HAPPENING 'NOW'

Right or Wrong?

- 1 Wrong – I am having fun now.
- 2 Right
- 3 Wrong - What is your teacher doing now?
- 4 Wrong - He isn't going home right now.
- 5 Wrong – They are not studying much at the moment.



Lyrical Assignments

- 1 'To reach someone' means that someone understands what you are saying, but it can also mean that you were able to contact someone, usually by telephone.
- 2 Dutch translation:
'Je vraagt je af wat je moet doen,
Nu je weet dat dit het einde is.
Je vraagt je af hoe je gaat betalen
Voor de manier waarop je je hebt misdragen.'

2 TEMPORARY SITUATIONS, WHEN THE TIME PERIOD IS GIVEN

- 1 I am studying for a biology test this week.
- 2 She is meeting her boyfriend for coffee today.
- 3 This year we are not going on holiday to France, but to Norway.
- 4 Are we playing a football match this weekend?
- 5 He is not going to Chicago this week.

Lyrical assignments

- 3 If you feel like you are 'climbing the walls', it usually means that you either feel like you are going crazy, or are becoming very nervous.
- 4 If you 'drive someone away', then you are pushing them away from you in the relationship and creating more distance between you.
- 5 Here, 'I'm cleaning out my closet' means that he is exposing all of his secrets and getting everything out into the open, and that he's making a fresh new start.

3 THE TEMPORARY OR LIMITED TIME IS NOT STATED BUT UNDERSTOOD LOGICALLY FROM THE SITUATION

Lyrical Assignments

- 6 I think this lyric is about what is going on in a certain period of time, during a financial crisis, perhaps, because people have lost their jobs and are waiting to get help. They are 'talking about a revolution' because they want things to change and to get better. 'Welfare lines' are the lines that people wait in to get their welfare checks from the government, when they don't have enough money to support themselves. And 'armies of salvation' is a poetic way of saying 'The Salvation Army', which is a charitable organization set up to provide social services for the poor.
- 7 If you are 'living a lie', then you are leading a life that is not honest or truthful, or you are pretending to be someone that you are really not. A Dutch translation of 'I'm living a lie' could be 'Mijn leven is een leugen'.
- 8 The counter' is where people can sit on stools and eat, and often where food is presented in a diner. You could find a counter in a store, which is where you would pay the cashier. There's also 'ticket counters', which is where you would go to buy tickets for a concert or a movie.



4 EXCEPTION TO A NORMAL ROUTINE OR SITUATION

Fill in the blanks

- 1 I normally take the train to work, but today I'm driving, because the trains are on strike.
- 2 She usually drinks tea in the morning but today she is drinking coffee, as she ran out of tea bags!
- 3 They are going to France on holiday this summer because it's cheaper, but normally they go to Spain.
- 4 I often eat a bag of potato chips in the evening but this week I am not eating any chips, because I am on a diet!
- 5 He normally wears jeans and a t-shirt to work but today he is wearing a suit because he has a very important meeting.

5 SOMETHING THAT FRUSTRATES YOU OR IS ANNOYING

Lyrical Assignments

- 9 If you 'play the fool', then you are either acting really stupid, or someone has been tricking or not being honest with you in a relationship, and you don't know what's really going on.
- 10 A Dutch translation:
'Je hebt met je ex-vriendinnen gesproken.
Ze bellen je steeds op.'
- 11 I think she is singing this song to either a man or a woman who she is in a relationship with... and she seems frustrated with him or her!

5 Sentences (page 27)

- 1 He is always fighting with his wife in the garden.
- 2 He is always playing heavy metal music at midnight.
- 3 He is always talking with his mouth full of food.
- 4 His dog is always barking at 6 in the morning.
- 5 He is always slamming the doors in his house.

THE REMIX

Right or Wrong?

- 1 Wrong – Susie never works on Mondays.
- 2 Wrong – John is learning Spanish today.
- 3 Right
- 4 Wrong – Mary is a vegetarian. She does not eat meat.
- 5 Wrong – Every year we go on vacation.



Fill in the blanks

- 1 My sister is baking a chocolate cake. It smells so lovely!
- 2 Jim paints houses for a living. He has his own company and three people work for him. Now he is painting my cousin's house.
- 3 I am reading a really good book! It's a murder mystery.
- 4 Lindsay works in a bank. She is working very hard this month to earn some extra money.
- 5 Anna is a writer. She has written a new book about the history of pole dancing. It's very exciting!

