The Lazy Song – Bruno Mars - Notes

Note: This song has references to sex and nudity.

- **Activity type:** rhyming words, gap fill, ordering, vocabulary.
- **Time:** 30-40 mins.
- **Note:** Taken from Bruno Mars’ debut studio album *Doo-Wap & Hooligans*, this 2011 hit became his fifth consecutive million-selling single. The original video is one continuous uninterrupted shot of Mars singing and dancing in his bedroom with a group of chimps. The alternative video features the actor Leonard Nimoy (Mr. Spock in Star Trek) having a lazy day – a good follow-up activity could be to ask students to watch this, and describe Nimoy’s day. Both videos are available on www.tuneintoenglish.com.

1) Ask the students what they would do on a day off, just staying at home. They can write their answers down. If you have not yet told the students the name of the song, try not to use the word *lazy* at this stage. There is no need to check their answers. After the students have completed the exercise you can elicit the word *lazy*.
   **Possible answers:** sleep, lie in bed, watch TV, do nothing, not wash myself, etc.

2) Write the following words on the board:

   - anywhere
   - can’t
   - degree
   - Dougie
   - fan
   - Snuggie
   - hair
   - me
   - loose
   - pants
   - phone
   - suit
   - tone

3) Students match the rhyming words, or words with similar vowel sounds (there are four pairs, and one set of three). Tell them not to worry about the meaning of the words for the moment. **Key:** anywhere – hair; can’t – fan – pants; degree – me; dougie - snuggie; loose – suit; phone - tone

4) Play the song. Students listen and number the words as they hear them. Only refer to the first time a word appears. Ask them to also listen for possible things to do on a lazy day at home. **Key:** 1. phone 2. tone 3. fan 4. pants 5. can’t 6. Snuggie 7. Dougie 8. degree 9. me 10. suit 11. loose 12. hair 13. anywhere

5) Students work in pairs to check their answers and to compare Bruno Mars’ lazy day with their own list.

6) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Ask them to work individually or in pairs to reorder the lines of the chorus. They will probably be able to do this without listening again. Ask them also to try to insert the missing words, as listed above, in the correct gaps, based on context, the rhymes and their previous listening. Play the song. Students check and correct if necessary.

7) **Grammar Focus:** Point out the incorrect usage of the verb *lay* in the second line of the chorus. This means “to place something on something” – the correct verb is *lie*. The use of *ain’t* in the final verse. This means “am not” *Wanna* and *gonna* for *want to* and *going to*.

8) Ask students to complete the vocabulary exercise. Tell them these are listed in the same order they appear in the song. **Key:**

   - swear
   - lounging
   - chilling
   - Snuggie (see www.mysnuggiestore.com)
   - Dougie

   - freaking
   - P90X
   - old man – pops
   - strut
   - in my birthday suit

9) Correct and sing the song together.
Reorder the lines of the chorus:

Chorus:
Don't feel like picking up my _______
Today I don't feel like doing anything
'Cause today I swear I'm not doing anything
So leave a message at the _______
I just wanna lay in my bed

I'm gonna kick my feet up
Then stare at the _______
Turn the TV on, throw my hand in my _______
Nobody's gonna tell me I _______

I'll be lounging on the couch,
Just chillin' in my _______
Click to MTV, so they can teach me how to _______
'Cause in my castle I'm the freaking man
Oh, oh

Yes I said it
I said it
I said it 'cause I can

Repeat Chorus
Nothing at all

Tomorrow I'll wake up, do some P90X
Meet a really nice girl, have some really nice sex
And she's gonna scream out: 'This is Great'
(Oh my god, this is great)
Yeah

Find words that mean:

- to make a promise
- acting in a lazy way
- relaxing
- a kind of warm blanket
- a kind of hip-hop dance
- an adjective meaning great
- Power 90 Extreme, a home exercise programme
- father (two different words!)
- to walk proudly
- undressed, like the day you were born

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Today I don't feel like doing anything
   I just wanna lay in my bed
Don't feel like picking up my phone
   So leave a message at the tone
'Cause today I swear I'm not doing anything

I'm gonna kick my feet up
   Then stare at the fan
Turn the TV on, throw my hand in my pants
   Nobody's gonna tell me I can't

I'll be lounging on the couch,
   Just chillin' in my snuggie
Click to MTV, so they can teach me how to dougie
   'Cause in my castle I'm the freaking man
   Oh, oh

Yes I said it
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Repeat Chorus
Nothing at all

Tomorrow I'll wake up, do some P90X
Meet a really nice girl, have some really nice sex
   And she's gonna scream out: 'This is Great'
      (Oh my god, this is great)
   Yeah

I might mess around, get my college degree
   I bet my old man will be so proud of me
But sorry pops, you'll just have to wait
   Oh, oh

Yes I said it
   I said it
I said it 'cause I can

Repeat Chorus
Nothing at all

No, I ain't gonna comb my hair
   'Cause I ain't going anywhere
No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, oh

I'll just strut in my birthday suit
   And let everything hang loose
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah-
      yeah, yeah-eah

Oh

Repeat Chorus
Nothing at all
   Nothing at all
   Nothing at all