**When The Going Gets Tough (The Tough Get Going)**

**Notes**

- **Activity types**: rhyming words, vocabulary.
- **Grammar**: Future will.
- **Time**: 20 mins.
- **Note**: this was a huge hit in 1985, and featured on the soundtrack of the film "The Jewel of the Nile". It returned to Number One in the U.K. when it was covered by Boyzone in 1999.
- **Video**: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=35YivWEs3zw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35YivWEs3zw)

1) Write the following words on the board:

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<td>do</td>
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2) Students match the rhyming words.

3) Play the song. Students tick each word as they hear it (they will hear each word once, apart from do (eight times), me (four times), way (twice) and you (nineteen times)). You can point this out to students, and higher levels can try to count the number of times they hear each word.

4) Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Ask them to complete the lyrics before listening to the song again, based on context and their answers to the previous activity.

5) Play the song. Students check and complete.

6) Complete the vocabulary activity.

7) Sing together.
When The Going Gets Tough (The Tough Get Going)  
Billy Ocean

When the going gets tough, the tough get going,  
Tough, tough, huh, huh, huh  
When the going gets tough, the tough get ready  
Tough, tough

Yeah, ooooh brother, du da do da  
I'm gonna get myself 'cross the ________  
That's the price I'm willing to pay  
I'm gonna make you stand and ________  
And give me love in the old-fashioned way  
Wooh  
Darlin', I'll climb any mountain  
Darlin', I'll do anything

I've got something to tell you  
I've got something to ________  
I'm gonna put this dream in motion  
Never let nothing stand in my ________

When the going gets tough, the tough get going  

Chorus:

Ooh, (ooh) can I touch you (can I touch you)  
And do the things that lovers ________  
Ooh, (ooh) wanna hold you (wanna hold you)  
I gotta get it through to ________, ooooh

When the going gets tough (the tough get going)  
When the going gets rough (the tough get rough)  
Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey

Ooooh baby  
I'm gonna buy me a one-way ticket  
Nothin's gonna hold me ________

Your love's like a slow train coming (slow train coming)
And I can feel it coming down the ________ (woh)

Darlin', I'll climb any mountain  
Darlin', I'll do anything

Repeat Chorus

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Wooh, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Darlin', I'll climb any mountain  
Darlin', I'll swim every ________  
Darlin', I'll reach for the heaven  
Darlin', with you lovin' ________  
Oooh (oooh)

Repeat Chorus to fade

Find the corresponding colloquial form for:

(be) going to > have to / have got to > want to >

Find the word or expression that means:

- progress > g _______
- to become > to g _______
- hard / not given to gentleness or sentimentality > t _______
- lacking refinement or finesse > r _______
- to make a beginning, to get started, to become interested > to g _______
- disposed, inclined, prepared > w _______
- to impede, to restrain > to h ______ (someone) _______
- establish communication, make something clear > to g _______
- surrender (what highwaymen cried when attacking a coach) > s ______ and d _______
When the going gets tough, the tough get going,
  Tough, tough, huh, huh, huh
When the going gets tough, the tough get ready
  Tough, tough

Yeah, ooooh brother, du da do da
I'm gonna get myself 'cross the river
That's the price I'm willing to pay
I'm gonna make you stand and deliver
And give me love in the old-fashioned way
Woooh
Darlin', I'll climb any mountain
Darlin', I'll do anything

Chorus:
Ooh, (ooh) can I touch you (can I touch you)
   And do the things that lovers do
Ooh, (ooh) wanna hold you (wanna hold you)
   I gotta get it through to you, ooooh
When the going gets tough (the tough get going)
When the going gets rough (the tough get rough)
   Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey

Ooooh baby
I'm gonna buy me a one-way ticket
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Nothin's gonna hold me back
Wooh, yeah, yeah, yeah
Your love's like a slow train coming (slow train coming)
Darlin', I'll climb any mountain
And I can feel it coming down the track (woh)
Darlin', I'll swim every sea
Darlin', I'll reach for the heaven
Darlin', with you lovin' me
Oooh (oooh)
Darlin', I'll do anything
Repeat Chorus
Repeat Chorus to fade

Find the corresponding colloquial form for:
(be) going to > gonna
have to / have got to > gotta
want to > wanna

Find the word or expression that means:
• progress > going
• to become > to get
• hard / not given to gentleness or sentimentality > tough
• lacking refinement or finesse > rough
• to make a beginning, to get started, to become interested > to get going
• disposed, inclined, prepared > willing
• to impede, to restrain > to hold (someone) back
• establish communication, make something clear > to get through
• surrender (what highwaymen cried when attacking a coach) > stand and deliver