



Shadow Of The Day – Linkin Park – Notes



- **Activity types:** vocabulary, opposites, listening for specific words, gap fill, writing.
 - **Level:** Elementary
 - **Grammar:** Present simple – Future with *will*.
 - **Time:** 20 mins.
 - **Note:** The song is from Linkin Park's 2007 album *Minutes to Midnight*.
 - **Keyword:** Goodbye
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A) PRE-LISTENING ACTIVITIES

1. Vocabulary. Write the following words on the board:

rise (v.) – leave (v.) – open (v.) – night – complicated – end – above – hello

2. Students in pairs or in groups write the opposites. Any correct opposite is acceptable at this stage. Point out that "rise" is used in relation to the sun.

Key: set – stay – close – day – simple – beginning – below – goodbye

B) LISTENING ACTIVITIES

3. Play the song. Students listen for the opposites, numbering them in the order they hear them. Explain the nouns can be in any form (singular/plural) and the verbs can be in any form or tense.

Key: 1. close –2. below –3. simple –4. goodbye –5. set –6. day –7. stay – 8. beginnings

4. Give students a copy of the worksheet and ask them to fill in the gaps based on their answers to the previous activity and context. Do not play the song at this stage.

5. Play the song again. Students check their answers in pairs or in groups.

6. Correct in open class, play the song again and sing together.

C) GRAMMAR FOCUS ON PRESENT SIMPLE AND FUTURE WITH WILL.

Students divide the verbs in the song into 2 columns according to their tense (present simple or future with *will*).

D) FURTHER WRITING ACTIVITY: Each student imagines they are the person who is leaving in the song and writes a letter to her/his friends to say goodbye and to explain why she/he has to go away.



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Complete the song with the following words: (You may have to change the form)

set – stay – close – day – simple – beginning – below – goodbye

I _____ both locks _____ the window

I _____ both blinds and turn away

Sometimes solutions aren't so _____

Sometimes _____'s the only way, oh

And the sun _____ for you

The sun _____ for you

And the shadow of the _____

Will embrace the world in grey

And the sun _____ for you

And cards and flowers on your window

Your friends all plead for you to _____

Sometimes _____ aren't so _____

Sometimes _____'s the only way

And the sun _____ for you

The sun _____ for you

And the shadow of the _____

Will embrace the world in grey

And the sun _____ for you

Repeat 3 times





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I close both locks below the window
I close both blinds and turn away

Sometimes solutions aren't so simple
Sometimes goodbye's the only way, oh

**And the sun will set for you
The sun will set for you**

**And the shadow of the day
Will embrace the world in grey
And the sun will set for you**

And cards and flowers on your window
Your friends all plead for you to stay

Sometimes beginnings aren't so simple
Sometimes goodbye's the only way

**And the sun will set for you
The sun will set for you**

**And the shadow of the day
Will embrace the world in grey
And the sun will set for you**

Repeat 3 times