



Smile – Lily Allen - Notes



Note: This song features the word “fucking”.

- **Activity type:** error correction, vocabulary.
 - **Time:** 20 mins.
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- 1) Brainstorm all the reasons you can think of for couples splitting up. Feedback.
- 2) Tell students this is a song to an ex-boyfriend who was unfaithful. What would you want to say in that situation?
- 3) Hand out lyric sheets. Play song. Students underline words which are different.
- 4) Students check in pairs.
- 5) Play song again. Students write correct words.
- 6) Correct.
- 7) Vocabulary exercise.

Key:

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| 1. on my own | alone |
| 2. by myself | alone |
| 3. a light at the end of the tunnel | hope for a better future |
| 4. to call someone up | to phone someone |
| 5. to whine | to complain like a child |
| 6. to moan | to complain |
| 7. to mess something up | to cause problems |
| 8. It don't mean Jack(shit) | it means nothing |
| 9. my mental health | my psychological state |
| 10. unwell | ill |

- 8) Correct - in pairs students test each other on the vocabulary.
- 9) Sing the song together.

