	Smile – Lily Allen - Notes	
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Note: This song features the word "fucking".

• **Activity type**: error correction, vocabulary.

• **Time:** 20 mins.

- 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:

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

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



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When you first left me I was eating more
But you were kissing that girl next door, what cha do that for (what cha do that for)
When you first left me I didn't know what to do
I never been on my own that way, just sat by the phone all day

I was so confused back then But with a little advice from my friends I found a solution in the tunnel at the end Now you're calling me up on your mobile So you can have a little beer and a moan And it's only because you're feeling sad

[Chorus]

At first when I see you dance, yeah it makes me laugh, yeah it makes me laugh At home I feel bad for a while, but then I just fly I go ahead and fly

Whenever you see me you say that you want a jacket And I tell you it don't mean that, no it don't mean that I couldn't stop drinking, no I just couldn't help myself See you messed up my mental health I was quite unwell

I was so confused back then But with a little advice from my friends I found a solution in the tunnel at the end Now you're calling me up on your mobile So you can have a little beer and a moan And it's only because you're feeling sad

[Repeat Chorus]

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[Repeat Chorus]

Lalalalalalalalalalalalalalalalalala



Vocab: Match the words to the definitions.

- 1. on my own
- 2. by myself
- 3. a light at the end of the tunnel
- 4. to call someone up
- 5. to whine
- 6. to moan
- 7. to mess something up
- 8. It don't mean Jack(shit)
- 9. my mental health
- 10. unwell

- a. to phone someone
- b. hope for a better future
- c. it means nothing
- d. alone
- e. alone
- f. ill
- g. my psychological state
- h. to complain like a child
- i. to complain
- j. to cause problems



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When you first left me I was **wanting** more
But you were **fucking** that girl next door, what cha do that for (what cha do that for)
When you first left me I didn't know what to **say**I never been on my own that way, just sat by **myself** all day

I was so **lost** back then
But with a little **help** from my friends
I found a **light** in the tunnel at the end
Now you're calling me up on **the phone**So you can have a little **whine** and a moan
And it's only because you're feeling **alone**

[Chorus]

At first when I see you **cry**, yeah it makes me **smile**, yeah it makes me **smile** At **worst** I feel bad for a while, but then I just **smile** I go ahead and **smile**

Whenever you see me you say that you want **me back**And I tell you it don't mean **Jack**, no it don't mean **Jack**I couldn't stop **laughing**, no I just couldn't help myself
See you messed up my mental health I was quite unwell

I was so **lost** back then
But with a little **help** from my friends
I found a **light** in the tunnel at the end
Now you're calling me up on **the phone**So you can have a little **whine** and a moan
And it's only because you're feeling **alone**

[Repeat Chorus]

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[Repeat Chorus]

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