

Why does it always rain on me? (Coldplay)



1. Are you optimistic or pessimistic? Complete the questionnaire for you. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Can you think of a day when everything went wrong? Tell your partner about it.

	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
1. I'm usually lucky.		
2. Everything I do always goes wrong.		
3. I always say, things can only get better.		
4. If I go to the beach, it's usually cloudy.		
5. You don't know if you can do something until you try.		
6. I often feel sorry for myself.		
7. I get depressed when things go wrong.		
8. I always look on the bright side.		
9. I give up easily.		
10. There's always a light at the end of the tunnel.		

2. Listen to the song “Why does it always rain on me?” and answer the questions.

- Is the singer feeling optimistic or pessimistic?
- Why do you think he feels this way?

3. Look at the song and choose the best word in italics. Then listen and check.

4. Can you explain the following lines?

- Why does it always rain on me?
- I'm seeing a tunnel at the end of all these lights.
- Is it because I lied when I was 17?

5. Read what some people have said about the singer and the song. Which do you agree with?

How would *you* describe the singer's feelings and what do you think the song is about?

I think it's a very sad, serious song. Perhaps his girlfriend has left, and he's feeling terrible.

I think it's supposed to be funny. We shouldn't feel sorry for him – we should tell him to stop moaning!

Young people often feel the world's
against them. I think it's a cry for help.

I think he should stop feeling sorry for himself. We all
have bad days when nothing goes right.

He seems so depressed. I
really feel sorry for him.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cQYdHV2u3Q>

I can't *be awake/sleep* tonight
Everybody's saying everything's alright
Still I can't *open/close* my eyes
I'm seeing a tunnel at the end of all *this darkness/these lights*

Sunny/Rainy days
Where have you gone?
I get the *typical/strangest* feeling you belong
Why does it always rain on me?
Is it because I *lied/told the truth* when I was seventeen?
Why does it always rain on me?
Even when the sun is *behind the clouds/shining*
I can't avoid the *lightning/crying*

I can't stand myself
I'm being held up by an invisible man
Still life on a shelf when
I got my mind on something else

(repeat)

Oh, where did the *grey/blue* skies go?
And why is it raining so?
It's so *warm/cold*
I can't sleep tonight
Everybody's saying everything's all right
Still I can't *close/open* my eyes
I'm seeing a tunnel at the end of all *this darkness/these lights*

(repeat)

