THE MOMENT I WAKE UP...

Getting up in the morning is hard, but for many people, music seems to help them start the day. There is actually a list of perfect 'wake-up songs' compiled by a psychologist, David M. Greenberg, using data from the music download website, Spotify.

When choosing the perfect 'wake-up songs', Greenberg considered things like how the music builds up, positive lyrics and strong rhythm. He says that the music needs to start gently, and then slowly build up to help people to wake up. It must have positive lyrics to change people's mood from bad to good. The rhythm also needs to be strong, with a lot of bass and drums.

Greenberg's top choice of song is Viva La Vida, by Coldplay, which has all the three necessary elements. 'Science shows that music affects us in all kinds of ways, including emotionally, physiologically, and in the brain,' he says. 'The right music – like Viva La Vida, with its positive energy and strong momentum – can help you wake up and feel energetic for the rest of your day.'

What's your favourite 'wake-up song'? Leave your comments below.

Comments:

- Mine is definitely Say a Little Prayer by Aretha Franklin.
 I always play it first thing in the morning. Sandy
- I like getting up to a song by Imagine Dragons, called On Top of the World. I think it fits Dr Greenberg's criteria because it's really positive! Martha
- I hate listening to music when I wake up. I prefer listening to the early morning news. Then I can start the day knowing what's happening in the world. Martin

Adapted from a website

Dr Greenberg's list comes from information from _____.
 a the internet b his friends c his students
 One of the things Dr Greenberg doesn't say is important in the song is _____.
 a the words b the instruments c the singer
 He says that waking up ____ can help most people feel good all day.
 a to Coldplay b to the right music c early in the morning
 ____ doesn't have a wake-up song.
 a Sandy b Martha c Martin