

4B SONG 5 o'clock world

- a Write the words from the list in the correct column according to the vowel sound.

away blows x2 brain
clothes day drain fine
get ~~gone~~ job know
mind mob OK on
time x2 way yet

				
gone				

- b Listen to the song and complete the gaps with words from a.

5 o'clock world

Up every morning just to keep a ¹ job
I gotta fight my way through the bustling ² _____
Sounds of the city pounding in my ³ _____
While another day goes down the ⁴ _____

But it's a 5 o'clock world when the whistle ⁵ _____
No one owns a piece of my ⁶ _____
And there's a 5 o'clock me inside my ⁷ _____
Thinking that the world looks ⁸ _____, yeah
Holiday, yeah...

Trading my time for the pay I ⁹ _____
Living on money that I ain't made ¹⁰ _____
Gotta keep going, gotta make my ¹¹ _____
But I live for the end of the ¹² _____

And it's a 5 o'clock world when the whistle ¹³ _____
No one owns a piece of my ¹⁴ _____
And there's a long-haired hippie girl who waits,
I ¹⁵ _____

To ease my troubled ¹⁶ _____, yeah
Holiday, yeah...

In the shelter of her arms everything's ¹⁷ _____
She talks and the world goes slipping ¹⁸ _____
And I know the reason I can still go ¹⁹ _____
When every other reason is ²⁰ _____

In my 5 o'clock world she waits for me
Nothing else matters at all
'Cause every time my baby smiles at me
I know that it's all worthwhile, yeah
Holiday, yeah
Holiday, yeah

- c Answer the questions with a partner.

- 1 What do you think the singer means by his '5 o'clock world'?
- 2 What compensates for it?

GLOSSARY

bustling = full of people moving in a busy way
mob = a large crowd of people, esp. one that may cause trouble
go down the drain = be wasted
trading = exchanging sth for sth else
ain't made = haven't made
gotta = have got to
ease my troubled mind = make me less worried
worthwhile = of value or importance

SONG FACTS

Bowling for Soup is an American pop-punk band which formed in Texas in 1994. 5 o'clock world is a track from the group's 2005 album, *Bowling for Soup goes to the Movies*. It's a cover of an original 1965 song recorded by The Vogues. The song is about a city worker who doesn't enjoy his job.

