

THE SHOW MUST GO ON QUEEN

1 Rewrite the following words in rhyming pairs. (Two of them do not strictly rhyme but have the same vowel sound)

aching bill breaking(X2) die butterflies
chance corner crime flaking for grin in
overkill pantomime places romance score
spaces warmer

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2 Find the words or expressions in the lyrics which have a similar meaning to the following.

- a big smile
- accepting that you cannot win
- be the most important actor in the show
- completely stupid
- empty, deserted
- falling off in small thin pieces
- accept a difficult situation and try to deal with it
- having a strong desire
- know the real facts of a situation, esp. the unpleasant ones (realize the difficulties of life)
- morning light is just beginning to appear

"The Show Must Go On", written primarily by Brian May, chronicles the effort of Freddie Mercury continuing to perform despite approaching the end of his life. It was released as a single just six weeks before Mercury died of bronchopneumonia, a complication of AIDS (November 1991). Due to Mercury's deteriorating health at the time, the video is mainly just clips of old Queen videos and a few live performances, but it is so cleverly edited and spliced together that it works as a video of its own.

[adapted from [Wikipedia](#)]

2 Complete the lyrics with the words from exercise 1.

Empty - what are we living
Abandoned - I guess we know the

On and on

Does anybody know what we are looking for?

Another hero - another mindless

Behind the curtain, in the

Hold the line

Does anybody want to take it anymore?



The show must go on

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Inside my heart is

My make-up may be

But my smile still stays on

Whatever happens, I'll leave it all to

Another heartache - another failed

On and on

Does anybody know what we are living for?

I guess I'm learning

I must be now

I'll soon be turning round the now

Outside the dawn is

But inside in the dark I'm to be free

The show must go on

The show must go on, yeah

Ooh, inside my heart is

My make-up may be

But my smile still stays on

Yeah oh oh oh

My soul is painted like the wings of

Fairy tales of yesterday will grow but never

I can fly, my friends

The show must go on, yeah

The show must go on

I'll face it with a

I'm never giving

On with the show

I'll top the

I'll

I have to find the will to carry

On with the show

On with the show

