

"The Fear" – Lily Allen

Before listening task:

- a) What do you know about the singer of the song? Decide which statements are true and which ones are false?
- 1) Lilly Allen was born in North America in 1985
 - 2) His father is a well known actor and musician.
 - 3) Allen launched a line of dresses, shoes, and accessories entitled Lily Loves.
 - 4) She has already recorded three albums.



Listening Task – Fill in the blanks with the words you hear

I want to be rich and I want _____
I don't care about _____ I don't care about _____

I want _____ of clothes and fuckloads of _____

I heard people _____ while they are _____ to find them

I'll take my clothes _____ and it will be _____
'Cuz everyone knows that's how you _____
I'll look at the _____ and I'll look in the _____
I'm on the _____ yeah I'm on to a _____

I don't know what's right and what's real anymore
I don't know how I'm meant to feel anymore
When we think it will all become clear
'Cuz I'm being taken over by The Fear

Life's about film _____ and less about _____
It's all about fast _____ and cussing each other
But it doesn't matter cause I'm packing _____
and that's what makes my life so f@#king fantastic

And I am a weapon of massive consumption
and its not my _____ it's how I'm program to

I'll look at the _____ and I'll look in the _____
I'm on the _____ yeah I'm on to a _____

I don't know what's _____ and what's real _____
I don't know how I'm _____ to feel anymore
When we think it will all become _____
'Cuz I'm being taken over by _____

Forget about _____ and forget _____
Cause I'm _____ them all on my own little _____

Now I'm not a _____ but I'm not a _____
Now everything is cool as long as I'm getting _____

I don't know what's _____ and what's real _____

I don't know how I'm _____ to feel anymore
When we think it will all become _____
'Cause I'm being taken over _____

While Listening Task

a) General Discussion

b) Discuss the following extracts from the song:

- 1) *Life's about film stars and less about mothers.*
- 2) *It's all about fast cars and cussing each other.*
- 3) *Everything is cool as long as I'm getting thinner*

c) Answer the following questions:

- 1) *I'll look at the sun, and I'll look in the mirror*
What does sun and mirror mean in this context?
- 2) *But it doesn't matter cause I'm packing plastic*
What does the singer mean with "packing plastic"?
- 3) *'Cause I'm being taken over by the Fear*
What does the singer mean when she says this? What is she afraid of?

Post Listening Task

Vocabulary

- a) Match the words and phrases to the corresponding definition

AMMUNITION

SINNER

TO BE ON THE
RIGHT TRACK

LOADS

CUSS (sl.)

To express a wish that great misfortune will happen to someone, esp. by calling on magical powers.

projectiles to be fired from a gun

A great number or amount.

a person who transgresses moral or civil law

pursuing the correct line of investigation, inquiry, etc.

- b) Read the expressions above mentioned and discuss the following:
How were they used in the song? What did each word/ phrase refer to?