

1. Discuss with the partner.



What do people usually consider to be the mistakes of their youth?

e.g. They could regret that they had visited too much parties. They could think that it was a mistake to get married too early.

2. Listen to the song and fill in the gaps.

In the waning days ahead,
I gotta look _____ down the road.
I know that it's not too _____.
All the stupid things I've said,
And people I've _____ in my time.
I hope it's not my fate

To keep _____ my own self,
And keep repeating yesterday.
I can't keep defeating myself,
I can't keep _____,
The mistakes of my youth.

In the dark of night, I might
Be able to make myself _____
That I'm still a younger man.
But when the light of day _____ down,
There's no way to get around it,
I'm not the _____ - man.

I keep defeating my own self,
And keep repeating yesterday.
I can't keep defeating myself,
I can't keep repeating,
The mistakes of my youth.

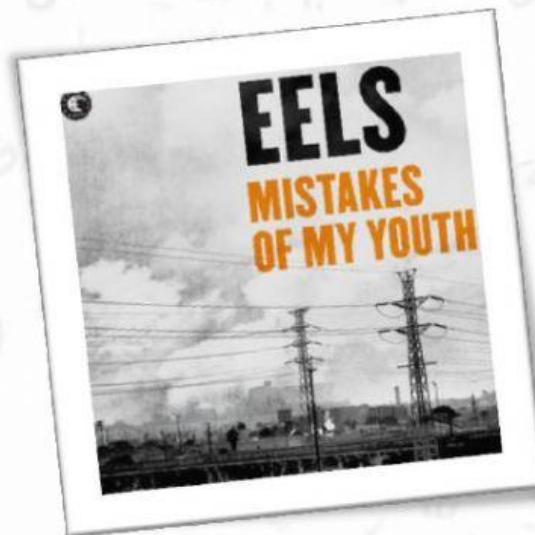
The _____ is mine for making
A better road _____
The road that I've been taking,
Headed for a dead-end,
But it's not too late to turn around

In the _____ moments
I hope that I know that I tried
To do best I could

To stop defeating my own self
And stop repeating yesterday.
I can't keep defeating myself,
I can't keep repeating,
The mistakes of my youth

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3. Watch the clip again. Imagine this boy is 55 now. What would he regret about?

Try to think of as many options as possible. Make notes:

4. Some people say that when you look back at your life you are going to regret the things you haven't done more than the ones you have. Do you agree? Why/Why not?