

'Times Like These' Comprehension Answers

1. Can you find any examples of alliteration in verse 1? Remember: *alliteration is when words start with the same sound.*

Blinding Bright OR Street light Shinin'

2. In verse 3, the rap says '***It's times like these that we activate, do something to improve, not procrastinate***'. What does the word ***procrastinate*** mean?

To put off doing something, to delay or to postpone.

3. In the **first five lines** of verse 3, can you find three activities that the singer has been doing during lockdown?

Cooking (making pasta bakes)...streaming/playing games...clapping NHS workers at 8...using FaceTime to speak to family/friends.

4. What do you think are the '**times like these**' that the singers sing about throughout the song?

Multiple answers! Perhaps: the unusual "times" that we are going through currently in support of the global effort to stay safe and stay home.

5. Why do you think BBC Radio 1 chose this song to cover during lockdown?

Multiple answers! Perhaps: to allow us all to consider how lockdown may have changed us. How it has allowed us to reflect on the important things such as the love of our family, kindness, appreciation.

Challenge Q: In verse 2, why do you think the singer feels 'a little divided'?

The singer maybe questions that things aren't always easy but tries to see the positives and remain resilient.

