

Like a Hobo, Charlie Winston (from « Hobo », January 2009)

Student's worksheet

1- Match the following lines and say who the characters involved are

	And I have to say that is the best advice	"mama I am not afraid !"
	And I said	"always keep your head on.
	And lies : they only stop me	"always speak a true word"
	And what would life be like	as good as bad
	Because some may praise you	for anybody's fortune
	Because something burns	from feeling free
1	I've always known	I've had
	I've never yearned	inside of me
	in this world every thing's	just to get what they want "
	It's every thing I long	since I was a young boy
	Now my father told me :	the more I am a happy man
	Now my mother told me	to be
	The less I have,	what they will take
	They will take	without a few mistakes ? "
	Vocabulary: yearn: desire, long / mistakes = errors / praise= glorify /	

2- Watch the video without sound and try to reorder the lyrics using the pictures

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVvkoK7lebc>

3- Watch the video with sound to check your answers

4- About the Chorus

a) Write the missing lyrics (chorus)

« Like a hobo..... »

b) Circle the correct definition: **judging from this line, a « hobo » is ..**
 a homeless person or vagabond /a builder / a social worker

5- Focus on language

a) What are the main tenses used ?justify

b) Pick out all words (prepositions, conjunctions, adverbs) expressing time, duration, frequency

6- Focus on the characters

a) Focus on the parents:

- Pick out the narrator's parents words and explain their attitude and feelings towards their son? What do the narrator's parents advise him to do or not to do? Why?

b) Focus on the narrator:

- Pick out the narrator's words, phrases or sentences which reveal his philosophy of life? Rephrase them using your own words.

- What attitude does the song condemn? Do you share these views?

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