



## I'm Good? - Hilltop Hoods - Notes



- **Activity types:** vocabulary, listening for specific words, discussion.
- **Theme:** lockdown feelings
- **Level:** Intermediate
- **Note:** Hilltop Hoods are an Australian hip hop group. They recorded this song in isolation during lockdown in 2020, saying "It's a very dark time at the moment, so we wanted to make something light-hearted." All proceeds from the song went to a fund to help unemployed music workers.  
Note that this song contains references to drugs and pornography and may not be appropriate for all students.

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- 1) Ask students "How are you?" They might answer "I'm fine", but elicit "I'm good". Note that some consider this incorrect English, but it is in fact acceptable. It is also used to say "I have everything I need" (e.g. "Would you like a drink?" "No thanks, I'm good".  
Ask them if they sometimes say they feel ok even when it's not true? Why?
  - 2) Give each student a copy of the folded worksheet and ask them to work together to match the words and pictures. This can also be a game.  
**Key:**  
1 m, 2 j, 3 b, 4 a, 5 p, 6 l, 7 h, 8 e, 9 q, 10 o, 11 c, 12 n, 13 d, 14 f, 15 g, 16 k, 17 i
  - 3) Play the song and ask them to listen for the words. Also, ask them to count the number of times they hear the words "I'm good" (including "I'm pretty good".)  
**Key:** see Complete lyrics, 43 ("I'm good" – 34, "I'm pretty good" – 9)
  - 4) Ask them to unfold the worksheet and complete the lyrics based on their answers to the previous activity. Do not correct at this stage.
  - 5) Play the song again, students check and correct if necessary.
  - 6) Feedback, then ask the students to label the three verses containing the information listed.  
**Key:** see Complete lyrics
  - 7) Discuss any difficult vocabulary.  
Note: Predator is a 1987 Arnold Schwarzenegger film, where he shouts "get to the chopper!"  
- Weird Al (Yankovic) is a parody singer whose fans asked him to rerecord 'My Sharona' as 'My Corona'.
  - 8) Discussion:  
How does he really feel? What does the refrain tell us? Why do you think there is a question mark in the title?  
How did you feel during lockdown? And now?



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Match the expressions from the lyrics with their definitions:

1. Ambien/Valium
2. ballbag
3. chopper
4. chortle
5. combover
6. copper
7. cov-odour
8. dawg
9. dealer
10. funk
11. gruelling
12. homebody
13. I'mma
14. kinda
15. mighty
16. pretty (*adj.*)
17. vocoder

- a) laugh
- b) helicopter
- c) tiring and demanding
- d) short for *I'm going to* (slang)
- e) friend (literally dog)
- f) short for *kind of* (a little bit)
- g) extremely
- h) loss of smell due to Covid
- i) a recording tool for the voice
- j) terrible (slang, literally scrotum)
- k) quite
- l) policeman
- m) prescription drugs for anxiety
- n) someone who stays at home
- o) a state of panic
- p) a hairstyle
- q) a drug supplier

Listen to the song and tick the words as you hear them.

FOLD

Complete the lyrics of the song with the words from above:

I've been better, I'm in bed and  
 I'm embedded, man, I have lived better  
 I've seen better days, man we all have  
 Twenty twenty's nothing but an unshaved \_\_\_\_\_

It's not all bad, sorted out my sock drawer  
 Every single pair of them, folded them up proper  
 Then I watched some Predator, get 'em to the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Better stay in bed or get arrested by a \_\_\_\_\_

Put some Netflix on  
 Get a beverage \_\_\_\_\_, be the best you can be  
 I applied for a rescue dog  
 But if I get you, dog, you're rescuing me  
 Meanwhile \_\_\_\_\_ study and get fit  
 I've never had time for that  
 But the way I'm coming out's how I went in  
 And that is dumb and fat, so let's go

**Chorus:**

*I'm good, I'm good, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ good*  
*Thanks for asking, that's \_\_\_\_\_ thoughtful*  
*I'm good, I'm good, but not great*  
*How are you? 'Cause I'm \_\_\_\_\_ awful*

**Repeat Chorus**

Missing the drugs, son? Missing your \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Missing a loved one? Listen, I feel ya  
 We're all missing someone, I'm missing my Mum,  
 I'm missing your Mum too, I'm just having fun, son  
 Waiting on prescriptions of \_\_\_\_\_

Waiting on a shipment of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Waiting on 'My Corona' from Weird Al  
 If I'm stuck at home, might as well grow my beard out  
 Like Abe Lincoln, this so \_\_\_\_\_  
 It's funny, I can't get out of this \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day drinking, home schooling  
 Mummy, I think that my math teacher's drunk  
 I'm not, but the situation's so sober  
 I'm so-so, have my ups and downs like a \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have the \_\_\_\_\_, and by the time we're over  
 The corona have a \_\_\_\_\_  
 Was a road dog, now I'm a \_\_\_\_\_  
 And I have no dog, feel like nobody  
 So, if you know of someone with a rescue  
 Let me know 'cause I need a pet just to get through

**Repeat Chorus twice**

I pulled up, all dressed in  
 A mask and gloves but it's not a sex thing  
 Well I guess it's a bit of a sex thing?  
 On Pornhub "Pandemic" is trending  
 This really isn't normal, feeling pretty mortal  
 Thought all my feelings and problems were awful  
 Now I nearly \_\_\_\_\_, thinking about them  
 Drowning in worry, I really need a snorkel

\_\_\_\_\_ still stay home though

**Repeat Chorus four times**

I'm good, I'm good, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ good

Which verses of the song describe the following? Write the number beside the verse.

1. The things he is missing.
2. Protective stuff.
3. The things he did during lockdown



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I've been better, I'm in bed and  
I'm embedded, man, I have lived better  
I've seen better days, man we all have  
Twenty twenty's nothing but an unshaved **ballbag**

**3.** It's not all bad, sorted out my sock drawer  
Every single pair of them, folded them up proper  
Then I watched some Predator, get 'em to the **chopper**  
Better stay in bed or get arrested by a **copper**

Put some Netflix on  
Get a beverage **dawg**, be the best you can be  
I applied for a rescue dog  
But if I get you, dog, you're rescuing me  
Meanwhile **I'mma** study and get fit  
I've never had time for that  
But the way I'm coming out's how I went in  
And that is dumb and fat, so let's go

### Chorus:

*I'm good, I'm good, I'm **pretty** good  
Thanks for asking, that's **mighty** thoughtful  
I'm good, I'm good, but not great  
How are you? 'Cause I'm **kinda** awful*

### Repeat Chorus

**1.** Missing the drugs, son? Missing your **dealer**?  
Missing a loved one? Listen, I feel ya  
We're all missing someone, I'm missing my Mum,  
I'm missing your Mum too, I'm just having fun, son  
Waiting on prescriptions of **Valium**  
Waiting on a shipment of **Ambien**  
Waiting on 'My Corona' from Weird Al  
If I'm stuck at home, might as well grow my beard out  
Like Abe Lincoln, this so **gruelling**  
It's funny, I can't get out of this **funk**  
Day drinking, home schooling  
Mummy, I think that my math teacher's drunk  
I'm not, but the situation's so sober  
I'm so-so, have my ups and downs like a **vocoder**  
Have the **cov-odour**, and by the time we're over  
The corona have a **combover**  
Was a road dog, now I'm a **homebody**  
And I have no dog, feel like nobody  
So, if you know of someone with a rescue  
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### Repeat Chorus twice

**2.** I pulled up, all dressed in  
A mask and gloves but it's not a sex thing  
Well I guess it's a bit of a sex thing?  
On Pornhub "Pandemic" is trending  
This really isn't normal, feeling pretty mortal  
Thought all my feelings and problems were awful  
Now I nearly **chortle**, thinking about them  
Drowning in worry, I really need a snorkel

**I'mma** still stay home though

### Repeat Chorus four times

I'm good, I'm good, I'm pretty good