



EPISODE 2 – THE SHORTSIGHTED SCHOLAR

Before the episode

A. Read the phrases out loud with a friend. In what situations would you use the following phrases?

Never say never.	<i>When you want to encourage someone that has lost hope.</i>
Code red.	
It's starting to sink in.	
I will treasure this.	
It's a total bummer!	
She's off the hinges!	
Choose the right people to weather the storm with.	

B. Discuss the answers in your class.

C. How would you translate the phrases to any other language that you speak. Give examples in class.



After watching

A. Choose the right character.

1. *Who did what in the episode? Match the statements with the right character.*
2. *Choose from the characters in the box.*
3. *Not all characters have a matching statement. One character can be chosen more than one time.*
4. *Compare your answers with a friend.*

Holly Piper Amy Mr. Alton Heather Robbie Oscar Levi

Statement	Character
Isn't keeping up with her schoolwork.	
Wants to apply for a job as a marketing assistant.	
Wants to get a scholarship in the future.	
Starts her own wrestling league.	
Wants to help her friend with school assignments.	
Gives Holly a lot of chances to do better in class.	
Pretends to be Holly's manager.	



B. Work in pairs. Take turns and read every other line in Holly's song.

Holly's song lyrics

I don't want to wonder

What could have been

My heart is full of thunder

And I'm rising like a storm

So maybe I've been dreaming of flying faster

Oh, but wouldn't you rather

Fight for a day laying in the sun

I don't want to waste my dreams of fun

Run through the streets

Ready, here I come, oh yeah

Wouldn't you rather

Shake off the troubles and the trials

Sing so they'll hear your voice for miles

Take everything leave it for a while, oh yeah

Wouldn't you rather?

C. What do you think Holly's song is about?



D. Would you rather? Work in pairs. Take turns asking each other questions and tell your friend what you would rather do. Motivate your opinion and explain the reasons behind your choice. Choose from the examples in the list and come up with questions of your own. Write them at the bottom of the table.

For example:

A: Would you rather....?

B: I would rather than.....because....

<i>Would you rather....?</i>
....be born again in the same country or a different one?
....lose the ability to read or the ability to speak?
....be a character in the last book you read or in the last movie you watched?
....travel the world on a small budget for a year or stay in only one country for a year but live in luxury?
....give up using your phone forever or give up adding salt to your food?
....be in jail for a year or loose a year of your life?
....have all traffic lights turn green or never have to stand in a line again?
....be the first person to explore a planet or be the inventor of the cure for a deadly disease?
....have unlimited first-class tickets on airplanes or never have to pay for food at restaurants?
....be yourself like you are today or be a king of a large country 2500 years ago?
....be forced to dance every time you hear music or be forced to sing along to any song you hear.



E. Holly decided to work with her music instead of doing her schoolwork. What are your best suggestions for being able to do both and not forgetting homework and important assignments? Make a list with some advice for Holly!

*	_____
*	_____
*	_____
*	_____
*	_____
*	_____

F. Share your list with the rest of the class! Maybe your idea can help one of your classmates!



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Before the episode

A.

Never say never.	<i>When you want to encourage someone that has lost hope.</i>
Code red.	When you have an emergency and something bad is about to happen.
It's starting to sink in.	When something bad or good has happened and you realise it after a while.
I will treasure this.	When somebody gives you something that is very valuable to you.
It's a total bummer!	When you are disappointed over something, it didn't go your way.
She's off the hinges!	When someone is totally crazy or insane.
Choose the right people to weather the storm with.	When going through something difficult it will feel better if you have your friends around you.

After watching

A. Choose the right character.

Statement	Character
Isn't keeping up with her schoolwork.	Holly
Wants to apply for a job as a marketing assistant.	Robbie



Wants to get a scholarship in the future.	Heather
Starts her own wrestling league.	Heather
Wants to help her friend with school assignments.	Amy
Gives Holly a lot of chances.	Mr. Alton
Pretends to be Holly's manager.	Piper