

ARE YOU COMING OUT?

a song by Alan Smith Robertson

<https://youtu.be/AgT-NWLsZvU> (youtube)

<https://sptfy.es/coming-out> (spotify)

Look at the phrases below, and try to match the first half of each question with the second half. The questions in grey are repetitions; you don't have to do these.

The lyrics are repeated twice. Ask your teacher about the meanings of words that you don't know.

Are you coming...	...me 'till the day I die?
Are you feeling...	...out with me tonight?
Are you coming...	...out?
Do you know...	...proud?
Are you feeling...	...that love you hide?
Can you unlock...	...your chains and free your mind?
Are you coming...	...to spread your wings and fly?
It is 'cause...	...your cell?
Are you feeling...	...you're shy?
Don't you feel...	...yourself?
Are you coming...	
Do you want...	
Can you break...	
Will you love...	

Now listen to the song to check

Post-listening activities

How are you feeling today?

Are you feeling good? sad? excited? bored? tired? angry? nervous?

Read the lyrics carefully. Do you know what this song is about?

What does “*coming out*” mean?

What does “*proud*” mean? Have you ever heard this word used to refer to the gay community?

What does LGBTQ mean?

What problems do people go through when they realise that they are gay?

How would you react if your son or daughter told you that they are gay?

Some societies are more tolerant than others towards homosexuality.

Is the country that you live in a tolerant one? Or is there a lot of homophobia?

Have you been to any other countries which are more (or less) tolerant than yours?

What's your opinion on gay marriage? What do you think of adoption by gay couples?

Many schools have an LGBTQ organization to reduce discrimination and to address inequality.

Does your school have an LGBTQ organization?

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Pre-intermediate level (B1)

Teacher's answer sheet. Length: approximately 25-30 minutes

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Notice: *Don't correct your students' work; even if they make grammatically incorrect answers. This exercise simply serves to familiarize your students with the questions. Notice also that sometimes there is more than one lexically and grammatically correct combination (eg. don't you feel proud?, can you unlock that love you hide?... etc.)*

the correct order:

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Read the lyrics carefully. Do you know what this song is about?

It is about revealing your homosexuality.

What does “coming out” mean?

“To come out” or “to come out of the closet” means “to publicly announce a belief or preference that you have kept hidden, especially regarding sexual preference”.

What does “proud” mean? Have you ever heard this word used to refer to the gay community?

“Proud” means “having a high opinion of yourself, or satisfaction for your achievements”.

“Proud” is an adjective, the corresponding noun is “pride”. “Gay pride”, or “LGBT pride”, is a positive stand against hatred, discrimination or violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Pride Month is celebrated every June.

Most languages either use the English word or translate it in the same way (orgullo, fierté, orgulho, orgoglio, npaṽḁ, プライド, 骄傲... etc.)

What does LGBTQ mean?

The letters represent the words: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer or Questioning

What problems do people go through when they realise that they are gay?

Doubt, shame, insecurity, stress, fear of rejection & loneliness... etc.

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