

## WORDPLAY – Song: Brighter Days

In this song, Selina Joy Jackson uses metaphors to help you feel more powerful and good about yourself in the face of negativity. What is a metaphor?

- a. A song
- b. Glasses you wear to play online video games
- c. A type of dog
- d. A phrase that describes something by comparing it to some other thing. *"Her words are diamonds" is a metaphor. Not literally applicable:*

### The lyrics:

"They say you gotta look like a baller.  
They say you gotta walk a little taller.  
Got you feeling like you ain't nobody.  
But a feeling is not a fact so smoke that in your intellectual pipe, and blow back all the negativity hype,  
Control that.  
Don't let yourself get stuck.  
Cause the good is there so look for it."



means:

- a. You should smoke cigarettes
- b. Instead of filling your lungs with toxic smoke, fill your mind with beautiful things.
- c. Don't accept anything negative that someone might say about you.
- d. Just because you feel bad doesn't mean you're a bad person. A feeling

is not a fact. You are stronger than your feelings.

- e. Answers b, c, and d are all smart choices.



Since you are reading this now, I see you as someone who is smart enough to have a mind of your own and NOT be led by someone else. That means you can expect to be strong enough to resist any temptation of your peers to smoke or do anything that could hurt you or others. Is that okay?

Great!

**Congratulations!**