Shallow

From "A Star Is Born" soundtrack

Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper

Tell me something girl
Are you happy in this modern world?
Or do you need more?
Is there somethin' else you're searching for?

I'm falling
In all the good times I find myself longing for change
And in the bad times I fear myself

Tell me something boy
Aren't you tired trying to fill that void?
Or do you need more?
Ain't it hard keeping it so hardcore?

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I'm off the deep end, watch as I dive in
I'll never meet the ground
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1. Look at the wordcloud and check any word meanings that you do not know.

2. Categorise these words into: verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions.

3. Now, listen to the song and match the lines in the wordcloud.

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4. Link the expressions with their corresponding meaning.

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<td>1. hardcore</td>
<td>A. to fill an emptiness (possibly in a destructive way, such as drinking)</td>
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<td>2. to long for something</td>
<td>B. to be scared of something</td>
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<td>3. ain't it hard…?</td>
<td>C. to have a strong desire for something or to miss something</td>
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<td>4. to fear something</td>
<td>D. intense and risky</td>
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<td>5. To fill a void</td>
<td>E. isn't it difficult…?</td>
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Rewrite the sentences in the following verses with the meaning from column 2, as in the example:

In all the good times I find myself longing for change = In all the good times I find myself with a strong desire for change

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5. The second part of the song contains lots of references to the theme of water. Below you find some literal and figurative meanings.

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<td>F. in the area that is not complex</td>
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<td><strong>to be off the deep end</strong> (go off the deep end)</td>
<td>L. ..the deep part (of the pool, ocean, ..)</td>
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<td>F. get angry or nervous and lose your temper or behave crazy</td>
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never meet the ground

L. to not touch the ground (with your feet)
F. to feel that you are emotionally high and you will never come down to the ground

to crash through the surface (of the water)

L. jump into the water (with a big splash)
F. to go more deeply into something

6. Read again this part of the song and explain what it means in your own words. What does the singer feel?

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7. If you have seen the film, discuss how the song and the film may be related.

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