What They Call Synergy

English · C1

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · Call it…, I call it…

Find it: __ / 4

1 · SEE IT

what they call a pivot, I call changing plans halfway,

call is a form of **call**, "naming a thing your own way".

2 · LEARN IT

call it hustle, call it passion	you can name it hustle or passion	**What they call synergy, I call a Tuesday**	their fancy word, my plain word
The landlord calls it a low-margin operation	that is the landlord's name for it	**They call it flexible financing**	that is the official name for it
my grandma called it plain old debt	her honest name for it was debt	**calling it clever**	saying it is clever

3 · FIND IT

Circle every form of call. One line has none.

1. What he calls a growth mindset, my landlord calls a late fee,
2. and what he calls a side hustle is the only reason I can eat.
3. but recommended "greater ownership" and "building cross-team trust,"
4. and what they call a journey, I call the freeway home.
5. Call it hustle, call it passion, call it "living out your why,"

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ West Coast, Monday morning, and the coach is in my earbuds again.
- ☐ "Rise and grind," says the coach in a voice like a hotel lobby,
- ☐ Meanwhile I'm on the freeway, crawling at the speed of a parking lot,
- ☐ in a car that's older than my manager, and the engine's running hot.
- ☐ "leverage your passion, scale your brand, and monetize your hobby."

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ____ / 9

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Grammar · Find it (4)

1 calls 2 calls 3 none 4 call 5 call

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

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For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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