

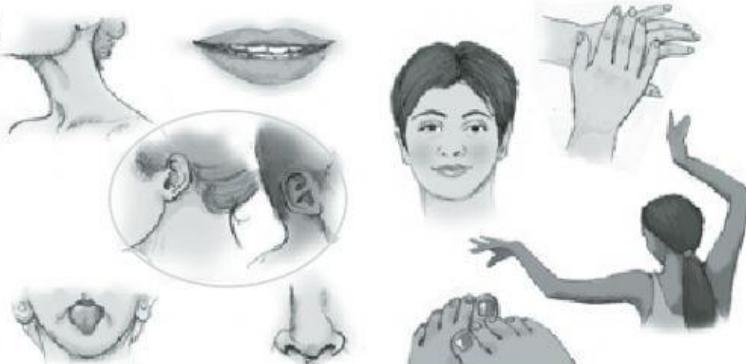
6B SONG I Got Life

a Look at the pictures and identify them. Don't write anything yet.

1-7



8-16



I Got Life

I ain't got no home, ain't got no ¹ shoes
I ain't got no ² , ain't got no class
Ain't got no skirts, ain't got no ³
Ain't got no ⁴ , ain't got no beer
Ain't got no man

Ain't got no ⁵ , ain't got no culture
Ain't got no friends, ain't got no schooling
Ain't got no love, ain't got no ⁶
Ain't got no ⁷ , ain't got no token
Ain't got no god

What have I got?
Why am I alive anyway?
Yeah, what have I got
Nobody can take away?

I've got my hair, got my ⁸
I've got my brains, got my ⁹
I've got my eyes, got my ¹⁰
I've got my ¹¹ , I got my smile
I've got my ¹² , got my chin
I've got my ¹³ , got my lips
I've got my heart, got my soul
I've got my back, I got myself

I've got my ¹⁴ , got my hands
I've got my ¹⁵ , got my legs
I've got my feet, got my ¹⁶
I've got my liver, got my blood

I've got life, I've got my freedom
I've got life
I've got life
And I'm gonna keep it
I've got life
And nobody's gonna take it away
I've got life

b Listen and complete the song with the words from a.

c Find words in the song which mean...

- 1 art, literature, music, etc.
- 2 the opposite of *dead*
- 3 the part of your body inside your head that controls your thoughts, feelings, and movements
- 4 the spiritual part of a person
- 5 the red liquid that flows through your body
- 6 the noun from *free*

d Match the colloquial expressions from songs (1–7) with the grammatically correct expressions (a–g).

| Expressions in songs | Grammatically correct expressions |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 I ain't (rich) | a I don't have |
| 2 I aint got no (money) | b I'm going to ... |
| 3 I wanna (be free) | c I've got |
| 4 I'm gonna (leave you) | d because |
| 5 Yeah | e I'm not ... |
| 6 'cos / 'cause | f I want to ... |
| 7 I got | g Yes |

GLOSSARY

class = (in this context) style

schooling = education

token = a piece of paper or plastic that you can use to buy things

liver = the part of your body that cleans your blood

SONG FACTS

I Got Life was originally recorded by Nina Simone in 1968. She was a talented pianist, but she was rejected by music schools because she was black. She turned to pop music and used classical influences to give her songs a more complex sound.