

## GRAMMAR

### Present tense review



#### 1 Choose the correct options to complete the conversations.

- 1 A: What's the name of that song you *play* / *'re playing* now? It *sounds* / *'s sounding* great!  
B: It's called *Three Little Birds*. Do you *want* / *Are you wanting* me to teach it to you?
- 2 A: Where is Dana? I *don't see* / *haven't seen* her for hours.  
B: She *runs* / *'s running* in the park. She always *goes* / *is going* for a run on Sundays.  
A: I should do something like that. Running *keeps* / *is keeping* you fit.
- 3 A: Do you *go* / *Are you going* to the concert at the Rialto tonight?  
B: I *don't know* / *'m not knowing*. Who *plays* / *'s playing*?  
A: The Creds. They *are* / *have been* on tour since May.  
B: Mmm, I *don't like* / *'m not liking* The Creds.
- 4 A: Have you *still sung* / *Are you still singing* in that band?  
B: What, the one at school? Yes, I *'m* / *'ve been* with them for nearly a year now.  
A: Have you *done* / *Do you do* any concerts recently?  
B: Yes, quite a few. In fact, we *play* / *'re playing* one tomorrow evening. Why don't you come?



#### 3 Complete the email with the verbs in brackets in the correct present tense.

Hi guys

I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) about booking a couple of hours at the recording studio next week so we can make our demo. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (need) to know what day and time everyone can make it. We all <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school every day, so it <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have to) be an evening or Saturday. Danny <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) driving lessons every Monday and Wednesday night, and I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) karate on Tuesdays and Thursdays – so that leaves Friday or Saturday.

Ava, <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / go) to Jake's party on Friday? If not, let's try for that day.

The studio <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (cost) €80 an hour, but that's OK. We <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) together as a band for six months now, and I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) we're ready.

Got to go now – Dad <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner and <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (want) me to lay the table. Call me!

Steve



#### 2 Write sentences using the correct present tense.

- 0 I / go / to a concert / this weekend  
*I'm going to a concert this weekend.*
- 1 He / always / have / a burger before / he / play
- 2 Donna / seem / enjoy / dancing
- 3 You / do / lots of exercise / today
- 4 I / love / this band / since before they were famous
- 5 You / need / practise / to be any good
- 6 Kerry / not / understand / why / her friends / love / hip-hop
- 7 Pablo / learn / how to play / the piano / at the moment
- 8 Claudia and her band / write / several new songs / since their last concert



#### 4 Correct the mistakes in four of the sentences. Which two are correct?

- 1 The older dancers are teaching our traditional dance classes every week.
- 2 I am writing to complain about your report concerning the music festival.
- 3 Like everyone, I had some embarrassing moments in my life.
- 4 In both restaurants they play calm, melodious music, which creates a nice atmosphere.
- 5 They're very popular and they're playing very good music.
- 6 I have very broad experience of organising summer camps because I am working in summer camps for foreign schoolchildren for about ten years.

