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

Ava, [7] _____ (you / go) to Jake's party on Friday? If not, let's try for that day.

The studio [8] _____ (cost) €80 an hour, but that's OK. We [9] _____ (be) together as a band for six months now, and I [10] _____ (think) we're ready.

Got to go now – Dad [11] _____ (cook) dinner and [12] _____ (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.

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