2 Read the article quickly and match the teenagers' questions 1–3 to the advice A–C.

STARTING IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY IN A BAND, OR BECOME A FAMOUS SINGER OR SONGWRITER?

Read on to find out how!

Pete

1 I'm a singer-songwriter. I give concerts at a local club. Everyone likes listening to my music and wants to buy a CD. What can I do next?'

Shona

2 Hi, I play in a band with some friends from school. The others aren't serious about music, but I am. Help! Do I stay with the band or find other musicians to play with?

Spark

3 I'm 15 and a rapper. I record my songs and put them online. I get lots of hits! But I live in the countryside and there are no gigs here. It's too far for me to travel to the city. What can I do to become famous?

A Why not make a music video too? Then it doesn't matter where you live. Ask your parents or someone from school if it's okay, and they can show you how to do it. Then you can upload the video to a social network like YouTube or Instagram. That's how Shawn Mendes became famous!

B You already write and perform your own songs. Great! Next step: record an album using computer software and post it online. You don't need a record deal. College courses are a really useful way to learn how to do this, and can give you other ideas too. Ask at your school.

C Music is an important part of your life. Stay with your friends for the moment but think about going to a music school. These schools teach music and everything you need to know about becoming a musician. Talk to your parents about it. Good luck!

3 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

1 Pete sells CDs of his songs at his concerts.
2 Pete needs to make an album with a record company.
3 Shona is more interested in music than her friends are.
4 Shona needs to change school as soon as possible.
5 Spark lives a long way from the city.
6 Spark doesn't need to perform live for people to hear his music.

TALKING POINTS

Are any of your friends musicians?
Do any of your friends upload their music to the internet?
Do you like listening to music on the internet?
Which sites do you prefer?

1 EP **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.**

become a singer become famous
give a concert go on tour
make a music video play in a band
record an album teach music

1 My dad can help me _____. Then I can upload it to Youtube.
2 My sister is a famous classical musician. She _____ in our town every summer.
3 Amy can't play an instrument, but she has a very good voice. She wants to _____.
4 Andy plays the drums well. He _____ with his friends on Saturdays at the music club.
5 We've got ten new songs and they're really good. Let's _____.
6 I really want to _____ one day and be on TV and play at big festivals.
7 My mum plays lots of instruments, and she _____ at our school.
8 When bands _____, they play concerts almost every night in lots of different places.

LIVEWORKSHEETS