

## GRAMMAR

### Present tense review

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

**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?

**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.

**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.

**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?

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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.