

READING

- 1 Look at the photos. In pairs, ask and answer the questions.
 - 1 Is it easy to become a famous musician?
 - 2 How do people start in the music business?
 - 3 How can the internet help people to become musicians?
- 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 SONG-WRITER?

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 (X)?

- 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?