

7 READING • A song

I can understand the writer's point of view.

THINK! Do you ever sing or learn song lyrics? What song lyrics do you like?



Sam

Hey – I'm working on a new song. No title yet ...

Laila [Chorus] *This is my dream now and dreams can come true
I'm going to be famous – that's all I want to do*

Laila This is my dream, I'm going to make it one day
I don't care what it costs, no I don't care how I pay
I'm not gonna think about the wrongs and rights
Just wanna see my name up there in the **bright** lights
Give me the drums, guitar, keyboard and bass
Cos I've got the look, the **voice**; I've got the face
[Chorus] *This is my dream now ...*

Sam Well you say that's your dream, but I say that it's insanity
Wake up a second now and take a look at the **reality**
You'll pay the price, you say, but just what price will you pay?
Listen, I can tell you things in real life ain't so easy
Sing a song a thousand times until it's a **hit**
At first the words mean somethin' but in the end you won't believe it
Feel like a million dollars while you're singin' that song
But you'll only be a **star** until the next fool comes along
[Chorus] *This is my dream now ...*



RR

Cool! Good message.



Tank2

Erm ... what message?



Lil'Tina

I think it's about all those kids who only want fame.



Sam

Yeah. They think they'll be happy, but the music business is **TOUGH**.



Jan

Why be negative? You had dreams once Sam!



Sam

True!



Lil'Tina

It'll be a big hit, Sam. Love it.



Sam

Thanks! No music yet but we're going to have cool keyboard and bass.

1 Read the song lyrics and answer the questions with **Laila** or **Sam**.

- Who has a positive view about Laila's future in music?
- Who thinks that Laila won't do well?

2 **2.17** Read and listen to the song and the comments again. Write **True** or **False**. Explain your answers with lines from the song.

I think it's true / false because ... says ...

- Laila thinks that fame is more important than other things.
- She doesn't think that she's got much talent.
- Sam thinks that Laila doesn't understand the music business.
- The story in the song is the same as Sam's life.
- Sam isn't going to write music for the song because it's a rap.

Remember!

gonna = going to
wanna = want to
cos = because
ain't = am not, isn't, aren't,
hasn't, haven't

3 VOCABULARY PLUS Use a dictionary to check the meaning of the words in **blue** in the text.

4 **USE IT!** What lines from the song do you like or dislike? Why? Can you think of a title for the song?