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 ...*





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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.



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Why be negative? You had dreams once Sam!



Sam

True!



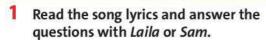
Lil'Ting

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



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



- 1 Who has a positive view about Laila's future in music?
- 2 Who thinks that Laila won't do well?
- 2 ①2.17 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 ...

- 1 Laila thinks that fame is more important than other things.
- 2 She doesn't think that she's got much talent.
- 3 Sam thinks that Laila doesn't understand the music business.
- 4 The story in the song is the same as Sam's life.
- 5 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 Suse IT! What lines from the song do you like or dislike? Why? Can you think of a title for the song?