

## READING

### 1 Match the information with the people.



Leona Lewis



Paul McCartney



Arctic Monkeys



Morcheeba

- 1 The most successful musician and composer in pop music history.  
*Paul McCartney*
- 2 One of the first bands to become famous because of the Internet.
- 3 Two brothers play in this band.
- 4 This singer won the reality show *The X Factor*.

### 2 Read about the Brit School. What connects the people in exercise 1 and the school?

- a They're all ex-students.
- b Some are ex-students and some are winners of Brit awards.
- c They're all winners of Brit awards.

### 3 True or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Students have to pay to go to the school.  
*False - It's free.*
- 2 The students only study the performing arts, media, and art and design.
- 3 The school has good facilities for studying the performing arts and media.
- 4 The Brit Awards gives money to the school.
- 5 Each year, the Brit Awards give prizes to the best musicians in the school.



**Do you like acting? Do you enjoy dancing? Are you good at DJ-ing or interested in writing? If you are, then maybe the Brit School is the place for you. And if you'd like to be involved in the performing arts but prefer working behind the scenes, the Brit School is also the place for you.**

The Brit School is different from most other schools. It's Britain's only free Performing Arts and Technology School for 14 to 19-year-olds. Students at the Brit School study normal school subjects but they also learn about the performing arts, media, and art and design.

The school opened in 1991 and has its own professional theatre, dance studios and TV and radio studios.

Most of the students at the Brit School want to start a career in the performing arts. Leona Lewis, Kate Nash, Katie Melua, Adele, Luke Pritchard of The Kooks and Paul Godfrey of Morcheeba all went to the school and hoped to become famous one day. Today they're international stars.

The Brit school receives financial support from the Brit Awards, Britain's biggest music awards. Each year prizes are given to Britain's most talented musicians. Winners in recent years have included Arctic Monkeys, Paul McCartney, Mika and Adele, also a former student of the school.

In fact, former Brit School students have sold ten million albums in the UK. It's become the school for some of the biggest names in music, dance and drama.

## GRAMMAR

### like + -ing form

Do you **like acting**? Do you **enjoy dancing**?

love/like/enjoy	+ <b>-ing</b> form
don't mind	
prefer	
hate/can't stand	

**1** Write true sentences about your likes and dislikes.

*1 - I don't mind going to the theatre.*

go to the theatre write stories  
 perform in front of an audience  
 chat to friends use my imagination  
 lie on my bed listen to music dance



### Prepositions + -ing form

Are you good **at singing**? Are you interested **in writing**?

**2** Write a preposition and the **-ing** form of the verb.

at in of on about

- I'm good **at playing** (play) the violin. I'd like to play in an orchestra one day.
- I don't like performing in public. I'm afraid ... (make) a mistake.
- My sister's keen ... (dance), but I've got no sense of rhythm.
- I love reading but I'm hopeless ... (write) stories.
- I'm interested ... (learn) to be a DJ in the future.
- A lot of my friends are serious ... (get) a job in the theatre.

### Verbs of ambition + infinitive

The students **want to start** a career in the performing arts.

They **hoped to become** famous.

want/hope/plan/ 'd like/wouldn't like	<b>to become</b> famous.
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**3** Write sentences about your future using these verbs.

*1 - I want to become a teacher.*

travel to learn study  
work become

**4** Choose the correct option.

*1 - singing*

I love (1) *singing / sing* but I'm also keen on (2) *acting / to act*, so I'm studying musical theatre at the Brit School. I chose the course because in the future, I'd like (3) *performing / to perform* in musicals. We spend a lot of time rehearsing because we put on shows during the course. It's hard work, but I enjoy (4) *working / to work* as a team. When I leave school, I hope (5) *doing / to do* a course in dance and drama. I dream of (6) *playing / to play* the lead part in a West End musical one day.

### GO 4 IT!

**5** Write interview questions for the Brit School.

*Are you good at acting?*

*What do you want to do in the future?*

**6** Interview your partner. Then swap roles. Who's the best candidate for the school?

**A** *Do you like performing in front of an audience?*

**B** *Yes, I do. I've acted in plays at school.*