

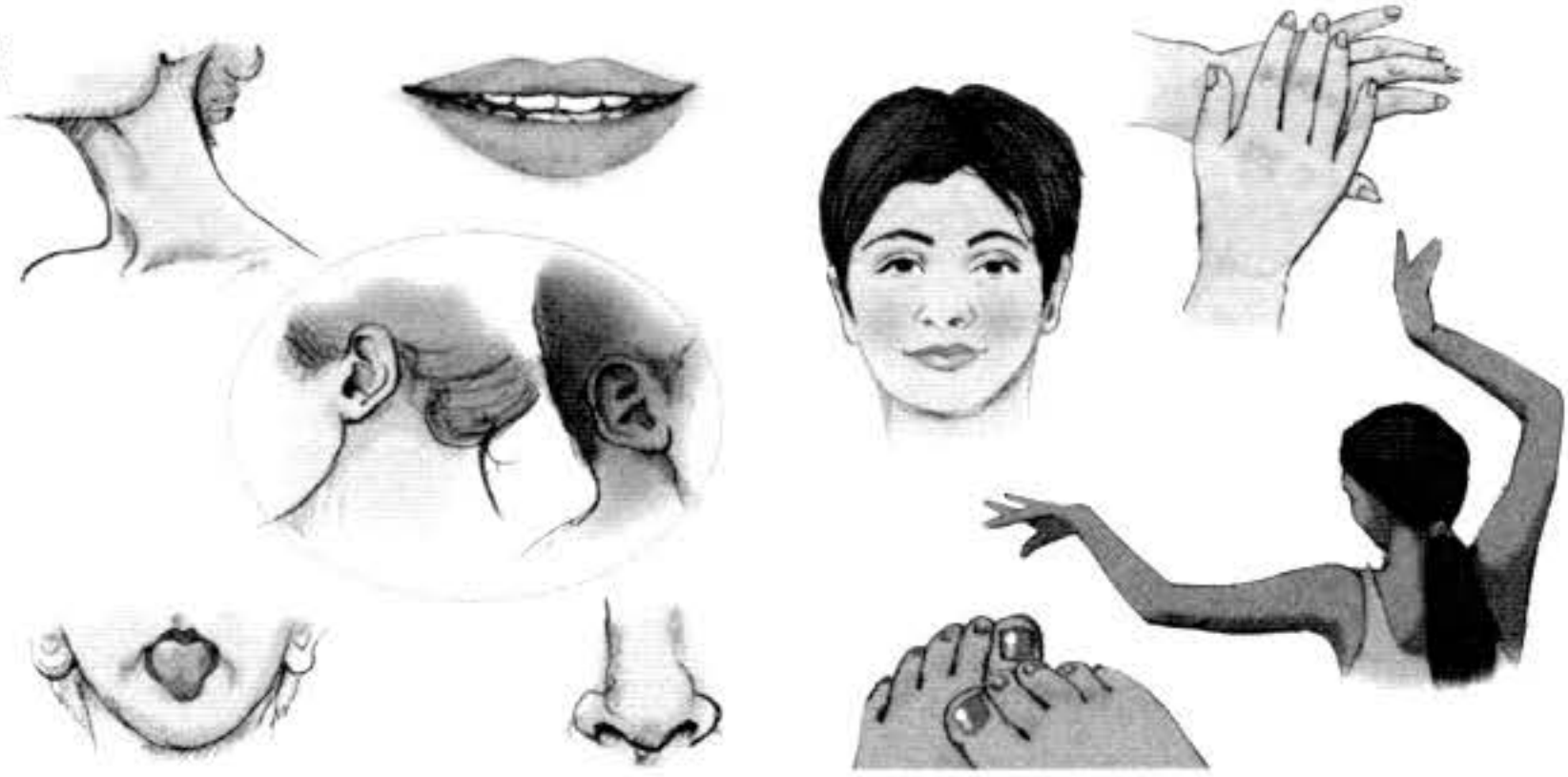
## 6B SONG I Got Life

**a** Look at the pictures and identify them. Don't write anything yet.

1-7



8-16



### I Got Life

I ain't got no home, ain't got no <sup>1</sup> *shoes*  
 I ain't got no <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, ain't got no class  
 Ain't got no skirts, ain't got no <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ain't got no <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, ain't got no beer  
 Ain't got no man  
 Ain't got no <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, ain't got no culture  
 Ain't got no friends, ain't got no schooling  
 Ain't got no love, ain't got no <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ain't got no <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, ain't got no token  
 Ain't got no god

What have I got?  
 Why am I alive anyway?  
 Yeah, what have I got  
 Nobody can take away?

I've got my hair, got my <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 I've got my brains, got my <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 I've got my eyes, got my <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 I've got my <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I got my smile  
 I've got my <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, got my chin  
 I've got my <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, got my lips  
 I've got my heart, got my soul  
 I've got my back, I got myself

I've got my <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, got my hands  
 I've got my <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, got my legs  
 I've got my feet, got my <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 I've got my liver, got my blood

I've got life, I've got my freedom  
 I've got life  
 I've got life  
 And I'm gonna keep it  
 I've got life  
 And nobody's gonna take it away  
 I've got life

- b** Listen and complete the song with the words from a.
- c** Find words in the song which mean...
- 1 art, literature, music, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 the opposite of *dead* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 the part of your body inside your head that controls your thoughts, feelings, and movements \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 the spiritual part of a person \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 the red liquid that flows through your body \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 the noun from *free* \_\_\_\_\_
- d** Match the colloquial expressions from songs (1-7) with the grammatically correct expressions (a-g).

Expressions in songs	Grammatically correct expressions
1 I ain't (rich)	a I don't have
2 I aint got no (money)	b I'm going to ...
3 I wanna (be free)	c I've got
4 I'm gonna (leave you)	d because
5 Yeah	e I'm not ...
6 'cos / 'cause	f I want to ...
7 I got	g Yes

#### GLOSSARY

class = (in this context) style  
 schooling = education  
 token = a piece of paper or plastic that you can use to buy things  
 liver = the part of your body that cleans your blood

#### SONG FACTS

*I Got Life* was originally recorded by Nina Simone in 1968. She was a talented pianist, but she was rejected by music schools because she was black. She turned to pop music and used classical influences to give her songs a more complex sound.

## SOLUTIONS OF SONG 6B

b)

2 money

3 sweater

4 perfume

5 mother

6 name

7 ticket

8 head

9 ears

10 nose

11 mouth

12 tongue

13 neck

14 arms

15 fingers

16 toes

c)

1 culture

2 alive

3 brains

4 soul

5 blood

6 freedom

d)

1e 2a 3f 4b 5g 6d 7c