Music review step-by-step

- 1. You will need to listen to the album or song you are going to write a review about with concentration. It is better to listen to the source material at least three-four times, with intervals. Take notes while you listen.
- 2. While listening to your selected music, take <u>notes</u> on what is good and bad in the album or song, what impressed you and what did not impress you.
- 3. When beginning the writing of your review, include some background information: name of the group, genre they play in, the album's track list, date of release, and so on.
- 4. After writing the background information, write an evaluation of the music, usually a paragraph for each category. The categories are: the lyrics (for example, whether it was meaningful or not); vocals; the instrumentation; quality of performance; general impression of the album/song; and its originality. If you are reviewing an album, you can focus on particular tracks, if you like, but make sure the review covers the whole album.
- 5. After writing the appraisal, summarize your impressions and give a rating. It is common to give a 5-point or 10-point rating i.e. "Cool Kids" earns 4/5.
- 6. Edit your review a few times and check if the factual information you wrote about the music group is correct.