

Listening

- 1 Work with a partner. Match the photos (1–4) with the names. What do you know about these famous people?

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Bono Shakira Bruce Willis Madonna

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- 2 You are going to listen to a radio show called *Hidden talents*. Guess which famous person from Exercise 1 can do the following things.

- a) ___ can play the harmonica.
 b) ___ can play chess.
 c) ___ can speak five languages.
 d) ___ can ride a horse.



Listen and check your ideas.



Grammar

can/can't

Can you play poker?
 Yes, I **can**.
 No, I **can't**.
 (can't = cannot)

- 1 Complete the questions and answers.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a) 'Can you play the harmonica?' | 'Yes, I can .' | 'No, I can't .' |
| b) 'Can your father play chess?' | 'Yes, he can .' | 'No, he can't .' |
| c) '___ you speak five languages?' | '___.' | '___.' |
| d) '___ your mother ride a horse?' | '___.' | '___.' |
| e) '___ you dance flamenco?' | '___.' | '___.' |
| f) '___ your parents ski?' | '___.' | '___.' |



Listen, check and repeat.



- 2 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 1.



Can / Can't



I **can** run very fast.

I **can't** do anything now. I'm very tired.



Can you do a handstand?

Affirmative

+ **can** + verb

Negative

+ **can't** + verb

Interrogative

Can + + verb

Short answers

Yes, + **can**

No, + **can't**

Betty **can** speak Italian.

My brother **can't** ride a horse.

Can Peter dance?

Yes, he **can**.

No, he **can't**.



Look at these sentences (affirmative, negative, interrogative) and write the two missing forms.

1. Tony can play chess.

2. Can you run five kilometres?

3. Sara can't swim very well.

4. I can speak Japanese.

5. Mary and Tom can't use a computer.

6. Can your brother climb a tree?



Complete the sentences with **can** or **can't**.

1. Fish _____ live out of the water, because they die.

2. Richard _____ play the guitar, but he _____ play the piano very well.

3. Rose is very ill. She _____ go to work today.

4. _____ Alan windsurf? No, he _____, but he _____ swim very well.

5. I need some help with my homework. _____ you help me, please?

6. An ostrich is a bird but it _____ fly.

7. I _____ hear you, there is a lot of noise in the room.

8. If it is sunny tomorrow, we _____ go to the beach.

9. The baby is only six months, so he _____ walk.

10. I've got two tickets for the cinema, you _____ come with me if you want.

11. How many languages _____ you speak?

12. We are late for school. The door is closed, so we _____ come in.

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Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. ride / my / can't / a / sister / bicycle

2. you / question / this / understand / can / ?

3. music / can / Margaret / read

4. German / your / speak / brother / can't

5. sugar / drink / she / tea / can / without / ?

6. Karen / play / the / Tomas / and / can / violin

7. dog / ball / catch / a / your / can / ?

8. cook / well / can / Alice / very

9. mother / car / my / can't / a / drive



Make **questions** with **can** and the following words, then give **short answers**, as in the example.

- drive a bus / Fred
Can Fred drive a bus? Yes, he can.
- very fast / a turtle / run

- remember / you / his address

- see / without glasses / your father

- Susan / three languages / speak

- your parents / play tennis

- sleep / your sister / with the lights on

- Alex and Anne / their keys / find

- from tree to tree / jump / your cat

- study / you / ten hours a day



Look at the pictures and answer these questions, as in the example.

- Can John sing?
No, he can't. He can play the trumpet.
- Can the kangaroo fly?

- Can the baby walk?

- Can Lisa and George play the guitar?

- Can Arthur play football?

- Can Mary fish?

- Can Paul drive a car?

- Can the children cook?

- Can Sammy play chess?

- Can Elisa swim?



Write sentences (affirmative, negative or interrogative) with **can**.

- you / cook / Italian food ?

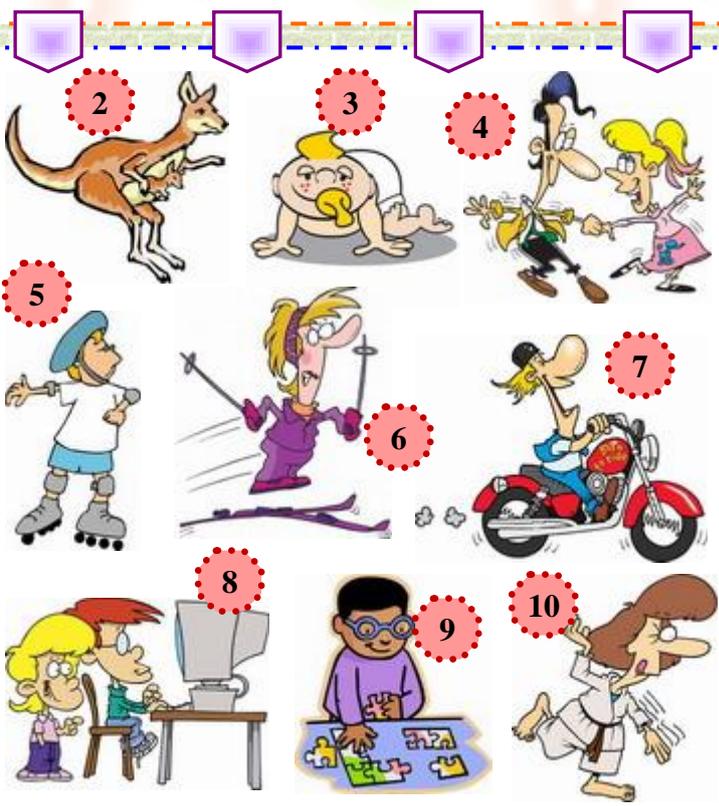
- I / open the window

- Marta / stand on her head

- Michael / sleep / in the day ?

- cats / see / in the dark

- my sister / use a typewriter



ANSWER KEY

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1. Tony can't play chess.
Can Tony play chess?
2. You can run five kilometres.
You can't run five kilometres.
3. Sara can swim very well.
Can Sara swim very well?
4. I can't speak Japanese.
Can I speak Japanese?
5. Mary and Tom can use a computer.
Can Mary and Tom use a computer?
6. Your brother can climb a tree.
Your brother can't climb a tree.

2

1. can't
2. can't , can
3. can't
4. Can, can't, can
5. Can
6. can't
7. can't
8. can
9. can't
10. can
11. can
12. can't

3

1. My sister can't ride a bicycle.
2. Can you understand this question?
3. Margaret can read music.
4. Your brother can't speak German.
5. Can she drink tea without sugar?
6. Karen and Tomas can play the violin.
7. Can your dog catch a ball?
8. Alice can cook very well.
9. My mother can't drive a car.

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2. Can a turtle run very fast? No, it can't.
3. Can you remember his address? Yes, I can.
4. Can your father see without glasses? No, he can't.
5. Can Susan speak three languages? Yes, she can.
6. Can your parents play tennis? Yes, they can.
7. Can your sister sleep with the lights on? No, she can't.
8. Can Alex and Anne find their keys? No, they can't.
9. Can your cat jump from tree to tree? Yes, it can.
10. Can you study ten hours a day? No, I can't.

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2. No, it can't. It can jump.
3. No, he can't. He can crawl.
4. No, they can't. They can dance.
5. No, he can't. He can skate / rollerblade.
6. No, she can't. She can ski.
7. No, he can't. He can ride a motorbike.
8. No, they can't. They can use a computer.
9. No, he can't. He can do a jigsaw / puzzle.
10. No, she can't. She can do karate.

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1. Can you cook Italian food?
2. I can't open the window.
3. Marta can stand on her head.
4. Can Michael sleep in the day?
5. Cats can see in the dark.
6. My sister can't use a typewriter.

