

# Young and Talented

Meet Stefan, Carolina, Amy and Charlie.

They are talented young people from different countries in the world.  
What can they do?



Carolina Soto is called 'Little Picasso'. Her pictures are in art galleries in New York and Paris. Carolina can't draw but she can paint great pictures in different colours.



Charlie Harris is a disabled teenager from the UK. He can't walk but he can play basketball. Can he play tennis, too?  
Yes, he can! He's a fantastic player and he's captain of his basketball team.

Stefan Ivanov is Russian. He is only seven years old but he can play chess. He can't speak English but he can play chess with people in the USA . . . on the Internet! He is a champion player.



Amy Liu is from China. She is nine years old and she can play three musical instruments. What can she play? The piano, the violin and the cello. She's a fantastic musician but she can't act.



# Expressing abilities

Affirmative and negative form:

|      |                            |              |
|------|----------------------------|--------------|
| I    | <b>can</b><br><b>can't</b> | paint.       |
| You  |                            | walk.        |
| He   |                            | act.         |
| She  |                            | cook.        |
| It   |                            | dance.       |
| We   |                            | paint.       |
| You  |                            | ride a bike. |
| They |                            | sing.        |

Interrogative form:

|            |      |              |      |           |
|------------|------|--------------|------|-----------|
| <b>Can</b> | you  | paint?       | Yes, | I can.    |
|            | he   | walk?        |      | he can.   |
|            | she  | act?         |      | she can.  |
|            | it   | cook?        |      | it can.   |
|            | we   | dance?       |      | we can.   |
|            | you  | paint.       |      | you can.  |
|            | they | ride a bike? |      | they can. |

|     |             |
|-----|-------------|
| No, | I can't.    |
|     | he can't.   |
|     | she can't.  |
|     | it can't.   |
|     | we can't.   |
|     | you can't.. |
|     | they can't. |

Read the text and write affirmative or negative sentences

1 Stefan / play the guitar

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2 He / play chess

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3 Carolina / draw

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4 She / paint

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5 Charlie / walk

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6 He / play basketball

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7 Amy / act

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8 She / play the violin

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**Answer these questions.**

1 Can Stefan play chess?

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2 Can he speak English?

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3 Can Carolina paint pictures?

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4 Can she draw?

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5 Can Amy act?

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6 Can she play the violin?

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7 Can Charlie walk?

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8 Can he play basketball?

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## **What about you?**

**Write affirmative or negative sentences about you.**

1 I / act

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2 I / cook

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3 I / dance

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4 I / play a musical instrument

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5 I / speak Chinese

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6 I / ride a horse

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7 I / play chess

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8 I / ride a bike

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9 I / swim

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**Answer the questions about you.**

1 Can you paint?

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2 Can you speak Italian?

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3 Can you play golf?

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4 Can you play the guitar?

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5 Can you drive a car?

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6 Can you cook?

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7 Can you use a computer?

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8 Can you iron?

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9 Can you ride a bike?

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10 Can you fly?

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