

G can / can't

V verb phrases: buy a newspaper, etc.

P sentence stress

Can she dance?

Yes, but she can't sing.

Are you the next American Idol?

1 VOCABULARY verb phrases

- a Can you remember the verbs for things people do in their free time?

d _____ homework p _____ the guitar
l _____ to music g _____ to the gym
w _____ TV h _____ a coffee

- b ➤ **Vocabulary Bank** More verb phrases.

2 GRAMMAR can / can't

- a Read about Gary's audition for an American TV show where people try to become professional singers. Complete the dialogue with phrases a–e.

a Can you come with me, please?
b I can't remember the words!
c you can have coffee downstairs.
d we can't hear you.
e Where can I park?

- b))) Listen and check.

- c))) Now listen to Gary and two other people (Justin and Naomi) sing. Vote for the person you want to be on the show.

- d))) Listen to the judges. What do they say about each singer? How does Gary feel?

- e Look at four sentences with *can / can't*. Match sentences 1–4 with a–d.

1 ☐ You can't sing!
2 ☐ You can't park here.
3 ☐ Can you come with me, please?
4 ☐ You can have coffee downstairs.

a It isn't OK.
b It's possible.
c Please do it.
d You don't know how.

- f ➤ **Grammar Bank.** Learn more about *can / can't* and practice it.

7:30 a.m. I arrive in San Diego and drive to Petco Park. The traffic is terrible. I'm late!



Guard Hey! You can't park here.
Gary ¹ Where can I park?
Guard In the parking lot over there.
Gary OK. Where's the main entrance?
Guard The entrance? It's on the other street.
Gary Thanks!

12:45 p.m. I wait for my audition with 350 other singers. I'm very nervous.



Organizer You can practice your songs here, and ² _____
Good luck!

6:00 p.m. Five hours later! Finally, a woman calls my number.



Organizer ³ _____ It's your turn now.

6:15 p.m. I walk onto the stage. I can see a table and three judges.



Judge What's your song?
Gary House of the Rising Sun by The Animals.
Judge Sorry, ⁴ _____ Can you speak up?
Gary House of the Rising Sun.
Judge You can start when you're ready... Can you start, please?

This is it. Oh, no!

3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

- a))) Listen and repeat the dialogues.
Copy the rhythm.

A Can you come tomorrow?

B Yes. I can come in the morning.

A Can you play a musical instrument?

B Yes, I can.

A What can you play?

B I can play the guitar.

A Can we park here?

B No, you can't. You can't park here.

- b))) Listen. Can you hear the difference?

1 a I can sing.

b I can't sing.

2 a She can dance very well.

b She can't dance very well.

3 a He can cook.

b He can't cook.

4 a I can come to the meeting.

b I can't come to the meeting.

5 a You can park here.

b You can't park here.

6 a I can drive.

b I can't drive.

- c))) Listen. Circle a or b.

4 SPEAKING

- a ► **Communication** Do you want to be famous? p.102.
Are you musical, artistic, sporty, or good with words?
Interview your partner and complete the survey.
- b Change partners and tell your new partner what your first partner can and can't do.

5 READING

- a *American Idol* is an American TV show. Look at the title of the article and the photos. With a partner, guess which two of the singers are "winners" today. Then read the article and check.
- b Look at the highlighted words and phrases related to pop music. With a partner, guess their meaning. Are the words similar in your language?
- c Do you have similar shows to *American Idol* in your country? Can you remember the names of some of the winners? Where are they now?

American Idol winners

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

"In the future, everyone will be world-famous for fifteen minutes." Andy Warhol

KELLY CLARKSON

WINNER, SEASON 1

And then? Number 1 **hits** in the US and **top ten** records in the UK and Australia. Appearances in a US movie and several US TV shows, and two Grammy awards.

Today? She has an **album** called *Stronger*.



RUBEN STUDDARD

WINNER, SEASON 2

And then? A **recording contract** with J Records. A **number 1** album in 2003 and a number 2 **single**, *Flying Without Wings*. Later a singer in the play *Ain't Misbehavin'*.

And today? A new recording contract at a small record company.



CARRIE UNDERWOOD

WINNER, SEASON 4

And then? Over seven million **copies** sold of her album *Some Hearts*. Winner of seven Grammys and sixteen Billboard Music Awards.

And today? She has a recording contract. She gives concerts to **audiences** around the world. She is also the face of Olay skin products.



LEE DEWYZE

WINNER, SEASON 9

And then? A recording contract with 19 Entertainment and RCA Records. His **version** of U2's *Beautiful Day* sold about 100,000 copies.

And today? He gives **concerts** in South East Asia and China, but he doesn't have a recording contract.



Online Practice

More verb phrases

VOCABULARY BANK

a Match the verbs and pictures.

- 1 buy (a ticket) /baɪ/
- call (your mom) /kɔːl/
- dance (the tango) /dæns/
- draw (a picture) /drɔː/
- drive (a car) /draɪv/
- find (a parking space) /faɪnd/
- forget (somebody's name) /fər'get/
- give (somebody flowers) /gɪv/
- hear (a noise) /hɪə/
- help (somebody) /help/
- look for (your keys) /lʊk fɔː/
- meet (for a coffee) /miːt/
- paint (a picture) /peɪnt/
- play (chess) /pleɪ/
- remember (somebody's name) /rɪ'membə/
- run (a race) /rʌn/
- see (a movie) /siː/
- sing (a song) /sɪŋ/
- swim (in the ocean) /swɪm/
- take (photos) /teɪk/
- talk (to your teacher) /tɔːk/
- tell (somebody a secret) /tel/
- use (a computer) /juːz/
- wait for (a bus) /weɪt fɔː/

b » Listen and check.

c Cover the verbs and look at the pictures. Test yourself or a partner.



GRAMMAR BANK

can / can't

- 1 I **can** sing, but I **can't** dance.
- 2 I **can** come on Tuesday, but I **can't** come on Wednesday.
- 3 You **can** park here. You **can't** park there.
- 4 Can you help me? Can I open the window?

• can + base form of verb has different meanings:

- 1 I can = I know how to.
I can't = I don't know how to.
- 2 I can = It's possible for me.
I can't = It's impossible for me.
- 3 You can = It's OK / It's permitted.
You can't = It's not OK / It's not permitted.
- 4 Can you ...? = Please do it.
Can I ...? = Is it OK if I do it?

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I / You / He / She / It / We / They	can	swim, come, help.	I / You / He / She / It / We / They	can't	swim, come, help.

?			✓			✗		
Can	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	swim? come? help?	Yes,	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	can.	No,	I / you / he / she / it / we / they	can't.

- can and can't are the same for all persons (I, you, he, etc.). NOT He cans.
- Contraction: can't = cannot.
- Don't use to after can.
I can swim. NOT I can to swim.

a Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of can or can't.

- I know how to play the piano. I can play the piano.
- 1 It's possible for her to meet me after work.
She _____.
 - 2 Please open the door.
_____ you _____, please?
 - 3 My boyfriend doesn't know how to ski.
My boyfriend _____.
 - 4 Is it OK if I use your car?
_____ I _____?
 - 5 It isn't possible for us to come to your party.
We _____.

b Complete the sentences with can or can't and the verbs.

- I'm sorry. I can't remember your name. (remember)
- 1 She _____ French, but not Spanish. (speak)
 - 2 _____ you _____ me? These bags are very heavy. (help)
 - 3 I _____ you tonight. I'm very busy. (see)
 - 4 _____ I _____ the window? It's cold in here. (close)
 - 5 _____ you _____ your address, please? (repeat)
 - 6 It says "No parking". We _____ here. (stop)
 - 7 Andy doesn't want to go to the beach because he _____. (swim)
 - 8 _____ I _____ your phone? I want to call my dad. (use)

what can you do?

Interview each other with the questionnaire. Ask Can you...? If the answer is Yes, I can, ask How well? Do you think your partner can be famous?

what can you do?

✓ = yes
✗ = no
3 = very well
2 = well
1 = not very well

Music

sing
play an instrument
dance
read or write music

✓ / ✗ How well?

☐	☐
☐	☐
☐	☐
☐	☐

Art

take artistic photos
draw cartoons
paint pictures
design websites or logos

☐	☐
☐	☐
☐	☐
☐	☐

Words

write short stories
write poems or song lyrics
speak foreign languages
speak in public

✓ / ✗ How well?

☐	☐
☐	☐
☐	☐
☐	☐

Sports

run a half marathon
play a team sport
do a winter or water sport
do an individual sport

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