

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

can/can't

1 What do the sentences express? Write permission, prohibition or ability.

- Marcus can't leave yet because he's got detention. _____
- You had a very good grade for your essay
Can I read it? _____
- Sonia can play two instruments and she's a great singer, too. _____

2 Circle the correct options.

- In my school, we (can) / can't learn Latin if we want.
- My sister can / can't speak Italian, but she speaks German well.
- Mrs Evans says I can / can't leave until I've finished this exercise.
- Can / Can't I borrow your dictionary, please?
- We can / can't understand you when you speak clearly.
- You can / can't stay in bed all day. It's bad for you.

be allowed to

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. Then tick (✓) the sentences that are true for your school.

- school / at / wear / allowed / Students / aren't / jewellery / to ☐
Students aren't allowed to wear jewellery at school.
- lunchtime / allowed / phones / We / at / use / to / are / our ☐
- break time / football / play / Students / at / are / allowed / to ☐
- shout / allowed / aren't / the / You / teachers / to / at ☐

4 Write questions and short answers with the correct form of be allowed to.

- you / cycle to school? (yes)
Are you allowed to cycle to school? Yes, I am.
- your teachers / give detention? (yes)

- boys / wear any clothes they like? (no)

- students / talk in exams? (no)

- your best friend / sit next to you? (yes)

- your parents / help with homework? (no)

5 Complete the conversation with the missing words. Circle the correct options.



I think it's hard to be the youngest in the family. My big sister ¹ _____ to go to bed when she wants, but I ² _____. On Fridays and Saturdays I ³ _____ stay up later, but not as late as my sister. And my big brothers ⁴ _____ watch late shows on TV! But they ⁵ _____ to leave the house without helping our parents. They ⁶ _____ go to college by car, but I ⁷ _____ drive yet so I cycle to school. All the people in my family ⁸ _____ tell me off because I'm the youngest – it's so unfair!

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| 1 (a) is allowed | b are allowed | c can |
| 2 a can | b 'm not | c isn't |
| 3 a can't | b can | c 'm not allowed to |
| 4 a can to | b is allowed to | c are allowed to |
| 5 a aren't allowed | b can't | c not allowed |
| 6 a can | b can't | c aren't allowed to |
| 7 a 'm allowed to | b can | c can't |
| 8 a are allowed to | b is allowed to | c aren't allowed to |