

Modal Verbs Can

Name _____

USE OF ENGLISH. (10 points)

can (for ability)

1. Look at the information about Marie and Jeff. Underline the correct word. (4 points)

	Marie	Jeff
play the guitar	Yes	No
dance	No	Yes
swim a mile	No	No

- a) Marie **can** / **can't** play the guitar.
- b) Jeff **can** / **can't** play the guitar.
- c) Marie and Jeff **can** / **can't** swim a mile.
- d) Jeff **can** / **can't** dance.

2. Choose the correct option that completes the sentence. (6 points)

1. A: _____ you _____ the piano?

B: Yes, _____ .

- A) Can / use / I can
- B) Can / play / I can
- C) Can / play / I
- D) Can / use / *

2. A: _____ of food _____ our cook cook?

B: Italian & French food.

- A) What of / can
- B) Which / can
- C) What kind / can
- D) What / can

3. A: _____ can she _____ the guitar?

B: Very well.

A) How / play

B) Why / play

C) What / play

D) When / play

4. A: _____ can they _____ a computer?

B: In the office.

A) What time / use

B) Where / use

C) When / use

D) Where / using

5. A: _____ languages can her aunt _____ ?

B: 2 languages.

A) How many / speak

B) How much / speak

C) What / use

D) What / speak

6. A: _____ languages can Mrs. Brown speak?

B: English & Irish.

A) How

B) What

C) Why

D) Where

READING (10 points)

3. Read the text and complete the information. (5 points)

a) Jake O'Malley is an _____ .

b) He _____ play the piano.

c) He can speak _____ well.

d) He _____ a car.

e) Jake is looking for work _____ .

Job wanted

Hello. My name is Jake O'Malley and I'm twenty-seven years old. I'm an actor and I'm looking for a job. I started acting at school, and studied drama at the National School of Acting. I have many talents. I can sing and play the guitar and the piano. I can dance quite well, and I also speak three languages: English, French and Spanish (but I can't speak Spanish very well). I can't drive, but I live in London, so I don't have a car. I can even ride a horse! Last year I was in a film with Sean Connery. I'm looking for work in a theatre or on TV. I'm confident and friendly. Please give me a job!

4. Read the description and complete the sentences. (5 points)

- a) The photo shows the writer's _____ .
- b) The writer's mother is wearing expensive _____ .
- c) In the photo the writer's father has _____ hair.
- d) The writer's father is wearing a red _____ .
- e) Now, the writer's mother has grey _____ .

I'm looking at an old photo of my parents' wedding. In the photograph my mother has long, blond hair. She's wearing a grey skirt and a black jacket with a small grey hat – and expensive black shoes. My father has dark, curly hair and a moustache. He's wearing a black suit, black shoes and a red tie. He's very good-looking. They're smiling and laughing. They both look very young. Now my mother has grey hair and my father doesn't have any hair, but he's got a beard!

LISTENING (10 points)

5. Listen to Katy and Andrew talking about talents. Match the names (a–e) to the things the people can and can't do (1–5). (5 points)

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| a) Ian | 1 can't speak Chinese. |
| b) Katy | 2 can play the guitar. |
| c) Andrew | 3 can play the piano. |
| d) Mum | 4 can't dance. |
| e) Dad | 5 can't play the guitar. |

6. Listen to Anna and Charlie talking about TV. Choose the correct information to complete the sentences. (5 points)

- a) The new soap opera is about _____.
(1) bad people (2) a pop star (3) a hospital
- b) People on the game show want to win _____.
(1) money (2) a car (3) clothes
- c) _____ is at nine o'clock.
(1) A documentary (2) *Big Brother* (3) A game show
- d) The documentary is about _____.
(1) a hospital (2) sharks (3) people
- e) Anna is going to watch _____.
(1) the news (2) the documentary (3) the soap opera

WRITING AND VOCABULARY (20 points)

Vocabulary. (10 points)

7. Instructions: Choose the correct answer that best completes the sentence. (1.25 each/ 10 points).

1. I'm sorry, but I can't afford that concert ticket.

What does "can't afford" mean?

- A. I don't want it
- B. I don't have enough money
- C. I can't find it
- D. I'm not allowed to buy it

2. She can't stand loud chewing.

What does "can't stand" mean?

- A. Can't hear
- B. Can't control
- C. Strongly dislikes
- D. Likes a lot

3. You can borrow my notes if you need help studying.

What is the function of “can” in this sentence?

- A. Ability
- B. Possibility
- C. Permission
- D. Request

4. He can solve any math problem you give him.

What does “can” express here?

- A. Necessity
- B. Ability
- C. Suggestion
- D. Request

5. I can’t help laughing every time I watch that movie.

What does “can’t help” mean?

- A. I’m not allowed to
- B. I always forget to
- C. I try not to
- D. I can’t stop myself from

6. Talking about politics at dinner opened a real can of worms.

What does “can of worms” mean?

- A. A delicious dish
- B. A very fun topic
- C. A messy and complicated situation
- D. Something very boring

7. We can only do so much before we burn out.

What does this phrase imply?

- A. We’re very lazy
- B. We’re all-powerful
- C. We have limited energy or ability

D. We can't do anything

8. "The exam was tough, but I did the best I can."

Which correction is needed?

A. Change "did" to "do"

B. Change "can" to "could"

C. Add "not" before "can"

D. No correction needed

Writing. (10 points)

8. Write sentences using "can" or "can't" based on the prompts below. (10 points)

a) I / swim

b) My friend / play tennis

c) She / cook

d) They / speak Spanish

e) We / ride a bike

f) He / sing

g) I / play the piano

h) You / drive

i) She / write love poems

j) Martin / sing folk music