

'Can' and 'Can't' for Ability

Activity 1: Match the sentence to the correct picture.

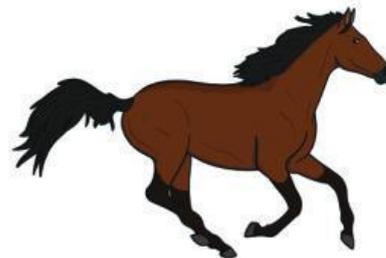
1. She can ride a bike. _____

A.



2. The baby can't read. _____

B.



3. Teddy can't sing well. _____

C.



4. The boy can swim. _____

D.



5. Horses can't fly. _____

E.



6. He can climb a tree. _____

F.



Activity 2: Order the parts of the sentence so it makes sense. Don't forget to add a full stop at the end of each sentence.

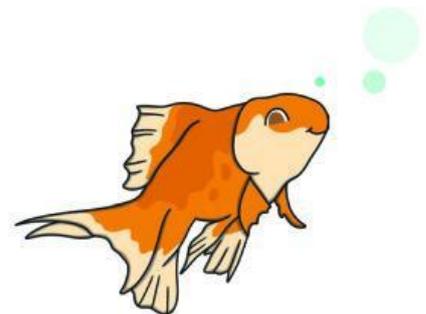
1 catch a ball I can

2 ride a bike can he

3 very high the elephant jump can't

4 speak can't my dog

5 swim fast can the fish



Activity 3: Create your own sentence with the words given.

1 monkey fly

2 horse run

3 snake jump high

4 bear catch

5 bat fly

6 frog cook

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There are many acronyms associated with English language teaching. These include (but are not limited to) ELT, TEFL, EFL, ELL, EAL and ESOL. While the term ESL may not fully represent the linguistic backgrounds of all students, it is the most widely recognised term for English language teaching globally. Therefore, we use the term 'ESL' in the names of our resources to make them easy to find but they are suitable for any student learning to speak English.

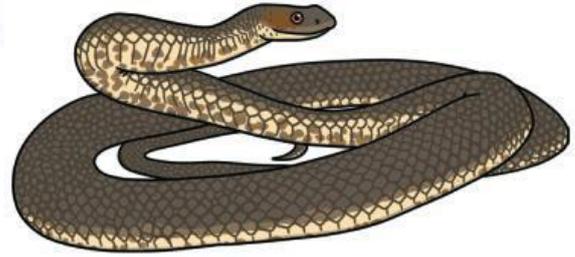
Activity 4: Write what each animal in the picture 'can' and 'can't' do. One has been done as an example for you.

1.



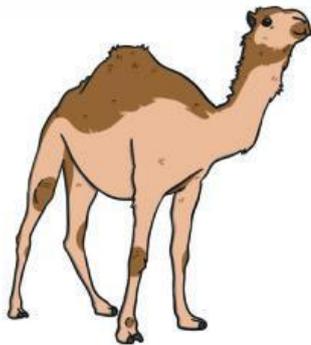
- ✓ The bee can sting.
- ✗ The bee can't run.

2.



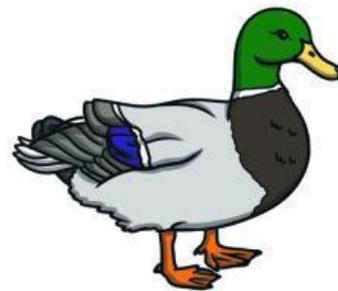
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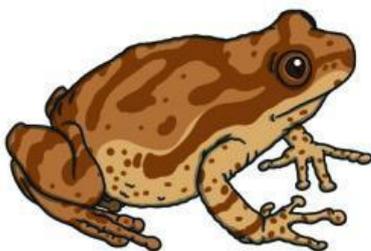
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4.



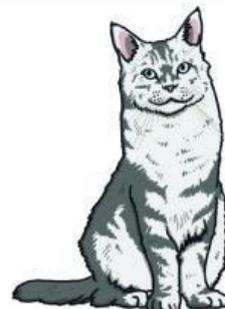
- ✓ _____
- ✗ _____

5.



- ✓ _____
- ✗ _____

6.



- ✓ _____
- ✗ _____

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Answers

Activity 1:

1. F 2. C 3. E 4. A 5. B 6. D

Activity 2:

1. I can catch a ball.
2. He can ride a bike.
3. The elephant can't jump very high.
4. My dog can't speak.
5. The fish can swim fast.

Activity 3:

Suggested answers:

1. The monkey can't fly.
2. The horse can run fast.
3. The snake can't jump very high.
4. The bear can catch.
5. The bat can fly.
6. The frog can't cook.

Activity 4:

Students' own answers.