

Team spirit

Grammar

- 1 Read the grammar box. Which of these sentences are about ability? Which are about possibility?

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ability: can/could

A *can*: to talk about something we are/aren't able to do

- + Students **can help** teach sports
- Most children **can't hit** the ball.
- ? **Can you play** the guitar? Yes, I **can**./No, I **can't**.

B *could*: to talk about something we were/weren't able to do in the past

- + I **could explain** things well.
- Some of the children **couldn't hold** a racket properly.

possibility: can

C *can*: to talk about things that are possible

Big groups of kids **can be** difficult to control.

- 1 Can you play basketball?
- 2 Emma can't play tennis very well.
- 3 The swimming pool can be busy on Saturdays.
- 4 Horse riding can be dangerous.
- 5 I can hit the ball really hard.
- 6 Surfing can be difficult for beginners.

- 2 Listen and match the speakers (1-5) with the questions (A-B).

A Where can you play sports where you live?

B What sport(s) can you do well?

Speaker 1 Speaker 4

Speaker 2 Speaker 5

Speaker 3

- 3 Listen again and complete the sentences.

- 1 You also tennis.
- 2 You football and basketball.
- 3 I really well, but I football very well.
- 4 You swimming in the leisure centre.
- 5 I very well, but I basketball because I'm not that tall.

- 4 Read the article and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Ishita Malaviya from?
- 2 Why is she famous?
- 3 What's her job?

5 Complete the article. Write one word for each gap.

RIDING THE WAVES

Ishita Malaviya is India's first professional female surfer. Many professional surfers start when they're teenagers at school, but Malaviya ¹ not surf when she was in high school. She first started surfing when she was studying ² university. At first her parents didn't like her surfing all the time. ³ didn't understand why she wanted to surf. Her mum and dad wanted her to be ⁴ journalist. Now Malaviya has her own surfing school, and her parents ⁵ see it was a good decision. Malaviya is especially interested in teaching girls to surf. She says ⁶ of people in India still think girls can't do this sport because surfing is for men. Malaviya wants to change this idea.

Speak up

6 Think of three famous sportspeople from your country. Describe them to your partner. Can he/she guess who they are?