Unit 5

Can / can´t

1. What can they do?

Look at the information. Complete the sentences with can / can´t and a verbs.

	play the guitar	play the piano	use a computer	program a computer	ride a motorbike	drive a car
Tony	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Brian	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Alice	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
Cathy	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗

1 Tony can play the guitar, and he can play the piano.

2 Tony _____ a motorbike, and he _____ a car.

3 Tony _____ a computer, but he _____ a computer.

4 Alice and Brian _____ the piano, but they _____ the guitar.

5 Cathy _____ a motorbike. She _____ a car, either.

6 Only Brian _____.

7 Everybody _____.

8 Nobody _____.

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2. What can you do?

1. Complete the conversations with can / can't and a verb in the box.

cook	speak	run	ride	do	drive

1 '**Can** you **speak** French?'
'Yes, I **can** a little bit! *Bonjour!*'

2 '_____ Peter _____ fast?'
'Yes, _____ _____. He's a 100 metre champion!'

3 '_____ Alice _____ Italian food?'
'Yes, _____ _____. Really well! Her Spaghetti Bolognese is famous!'

4 '_____ you _____ a motorbike?'
'No, I _____, but I _____ _____ a car.'

5 '_____ you _____ this homework?'
'Yes, of course I _____! It isn't difficult! Just boring!'

2. Rewrite the sentences with expressions from the box.

0%	1–30%	30–70%	70–80%	80%+
not at all	a little bit	quite well	very well	really well

1 She can play chess. (80%)
She can play chess really well.

2 She can't cook. (0%)
_____

3 She can speak English. (40%)
_____

4 He can speak Arabic. (15%)
_____

5 Her baby's only one, but he can walk. (70%)
_____

6 My sister's only five, but she can read. (50%)
_____

7 My brother can program computers. (90%)
_____

8 I can understand German (15%), but I can't speak it. (0%)
_____

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Was / were

3. Were you at the party?

Complete the conversation with was, wasn't, were, or weren't.

A (1) **Were** you at Charlotte's party last Saturday?

B Yes, I (2) **was** .

A (3)_____ it good?

B Well, it (4)_____ OK.

A (5)_____ there many people?

B Yes, there (6)_____. Hundreds!

A (7)_____ Sophie there?

B No, she (8)_____. Why (9)_____ you there?

A Well, I couldn't go to Charlotte's party because I (10)_____ at Dave's party. It (11)_____ great!

B Oh! Lucky you!

Could / couldn´t

4. When I was young.

Complete the sentences with could or couldn´t.

1 I **could** walk when I was one, but I **couldn't** talk until I was three.

2 How old were you when you _____ get dressed?

3 My daughter _____ feed herself until she was four.

4 I _____ sleep last night. My neighbour's TV was so loud!

5 I _____ find you yesterday. Where were you?

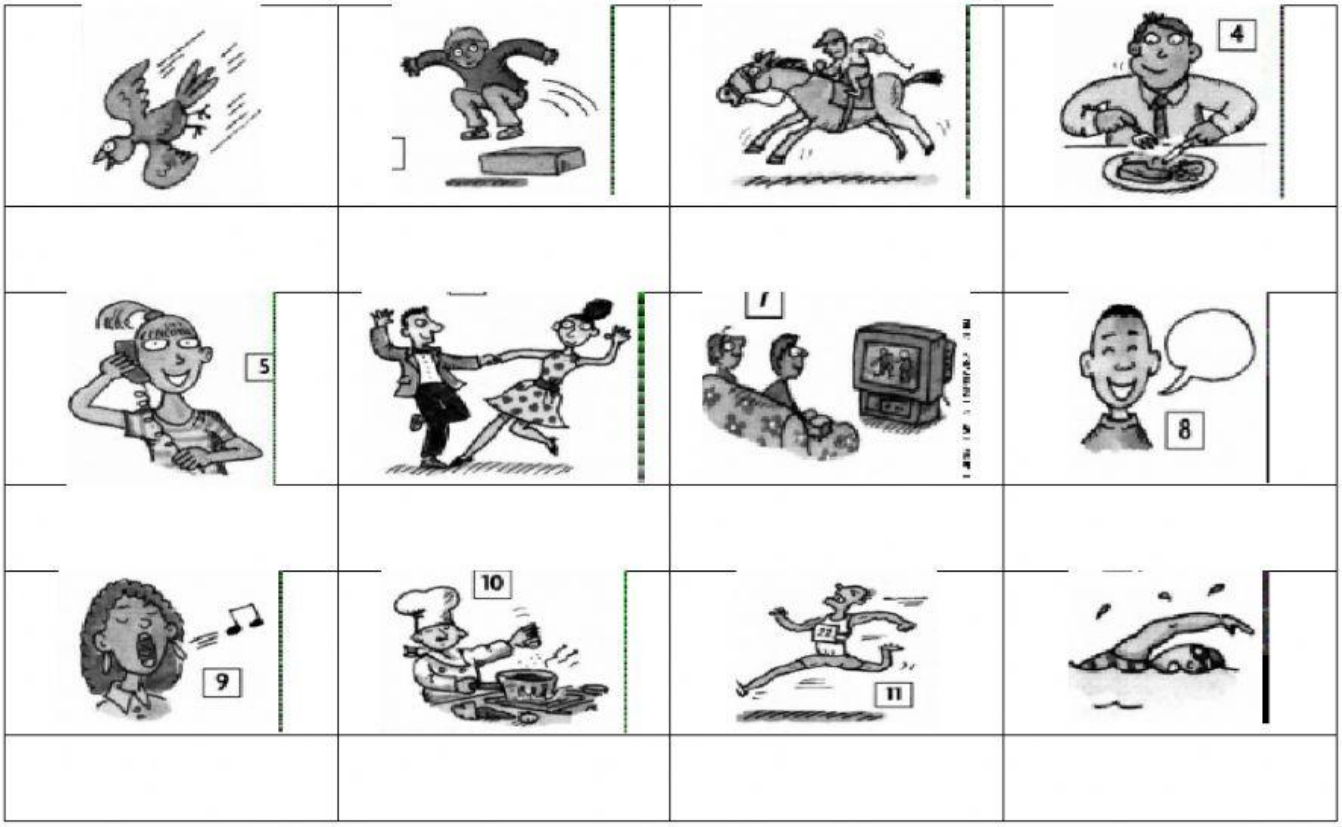
6 'When I was five I _____ speak English and Russian.' '_____ you read English and Russian as well?'

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Vocabulary

5. Verbs

Look at the verbs write them.



6. Noun + noun

Answer the questions with a noun + noun combination.

1 Where do trains stop?
railway station

2 Where can you buy petrol?
_____

3 What do you wear when it's a sunny day?
_____

4 Where can you drive fast between one city and another?
_____

5 Where does a woman carry her purse, hairbrush, lipstick … ?
_____

6 Where do you wait for a bus?
_____

7 Where can you park your car?
_____

8 What are the lights in the street that say 'Stop!' and 'Go!'?
_____

9 Where can you buy a book?
_____

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Reading

6. Galileo Galilei – The father of modern science.

Galileo Galilei was an Italian physicist, mathematician, astronomer, and philosopher. He was a brilliant scientist.

HIS EARLY YEARS

Galileo was born in 1564 in Pisa, Italy. He was the first of six children of Vincenzo Galilei and Giulia Ammannati. His father was a famous musician.

Galileo's early education was in a monastery. From there, in 1581, he went to the University of Pisa, where he was a student of medicine and mathematics. Then from 1592 to 1610 he went to the University of Padua. He wasn't a student at this university – he was a professor of mathematics and astronomy.

Galileo was the father of three children – two daughters and a son – but he wasn't married to their mother.

HIS SCIENTIFIC LIFE

Galileo made excellent telescopes. With them he could see moons going round the planet Jupiter and the planet Venus going round the sun. At the time, there was the belief that the earth was the centre of the universe and the sun went round the earth. However, by 1610 Galileo's theory was that the earth was not the centre of our universe. Galileo said that the sun was the centre, and the earth moved round it.

HIS LAST YEARS

Some religious organisations weren't happy with Galileo's theories. His ideas were dangerous because they were different from the ideas in the Bible. Finally, in 1634 there was a trial. Galileo was 70 and not in good health so he wasn't sent to prison, but he couldn't leave his house in Florence. It was here that he died in 1642. He was 78 years old and completely blind.

1. Read about Galileo. Correct the sentences about him.

1 Galileo was born in Padua.
Galileo was born in Pisa.

2 His father was a scientist.
_____

3 He was a professor at the University of Pisa.
_____

4 He was the father of six children.
_____

5 His theory was that the sun went around the earth.
_____

6 He spent his last years in prison.
_____

7 He was completely deaf when he died.
_____

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2. Read the text again. Answer the questions.

1 What nationality was Galileo?

2 He was a physicist and a scientist. What else was he?

3 When was he born?

4 Where was he a student?

5 What was his job at the University of Padua?

6 Was he married?

7 What could he see with his telescope?

8 Why were his ideas dangerous?

9 Why was he not sent to prison?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Everyday English.

7. Polite requests

Look at the pictures. Complete the conversations with the words and phrases in the box.

1 could you sure ~~can I~~

A Hi! **Can I** help you?

B A coffee, please.

A Espresso? Cappuccino? Latte … ?

B An espresso, please. And _____ give me some hot water as well?

A _____. Take a seat.

2 could you of course could I

A Excuse me. _____ ask you a question?

B _____. What is it?

A _____ tell me what *yellow* means?

B Yellow is a colour. The sun's yellow. Butter is yellow.

A Ah, OK! Thanks.

3 the problem could you can I

A Jamie! _____ ask you a favour?

B Uh huh. What is it?

A _____ help me with my computer?

B What's _____?

A I can't get online.

B OK. Let's have a look.

4 could I can you can I have

A Dad, _____ borrow the car tonight?

B Mm … all right, but it needs petrol.

A OK. Er … Dad, I don't have any money. _____ lend me some?

B Is that lend or give?

A I'll pay you back. I promise. Mum! _____ five pounds?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Don´t forget!

8. Vocabulary

Complete the chart.

Country	Nationality
Spain	***Spanish***
China	Chinese
Italy	_____
Russia	_____
_____	French
Japan	_____
_____	German
America	_____
Mexico	_____
_____	Swedish

9. and / but / so / because

Complete the sentences with and, but, so, or because.

1 I usually love cats, ***but*** I really don't like your cat.

2 We have a holiday in summer, _____ we go skiing in winter.

3 I work hard _____ I need the money.

4 I work hard, _____ I don't earn a lot of money.

5 Yesterday was a long day at work, _____ I was tired this morning.

6 I like Suzie _____ she's funny and she makes me laugh.

7 Toby's clever and funny, _____ he's good-looking.

8 I can't drive, _____ I don't need a car.

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10. Prepositions of place

Choose in, at, or on.

1	In the kitchen.	6	_____ the second floor.
2	_____ the bus.	7	_____ the town centre.
3	_____ school.	8	_____ home.
4	_____ the shower.	9	_____ the garden.
5	_____ work.	10	_____ the bus stop.

11. Verb + noun

Math a verb in **A** with a noun in **B**.

A	B
1 ride	a ☐ the guitar
2 paint	b [1] a bike
3 cook	c ☐ a picture
4 play	d ☐ a meal
5 make	e ☐ a marathon
6 run	f ☐ a mistake

A	B
7 wear	g ☐ Spanish
8 do	h ☐ glasses
9 speak	i ☐ a car
10 fly	j ☐ my homework
11 drive	k ☐ a noise
12 make	l ☐ a plane

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