

# Grammar

## can/can't

1 Look at the information. Complete the sentences with *can/can't* + verb.

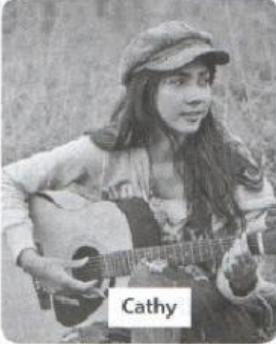
	Tim	Amy	Don	Cathy
play the guitar	✓	✗	✗	✓
speak two languages	✓	✓	✓	✗
bake cakes	✓	✓	✓	✓
do card tricks	✗	✗	✗	✗
ride a motorbike	✗	✗	✓	✗
swim	✗	✓	✓	✗

- 1 Tim can play the guitar, but he can't swim.
- 2 Tim \_\_\_\_\_ a motorbike and he \_\_\_\_\_ card tricks.
- 3 Don \_\_\_\_\_ cakes, but he \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar.
- 4 Amy and Don \_\_\_\_\_ two languages, but they \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar.
- 5 Cathy \_\_\_\_\_ a motorbike, and she \_\_\_\_\_ swim either.
- 6 Only Don \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Everybody \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Nobody \_\_\_\_\_.

## Pronunciation

2 5.1 Listen and underline what you hear.

- 1 Superman can / can't fly.
- 2 My brother can / can't play the guitar.
- 3 I can / can't ride a motorbike.
- 4 Can / Can't you drive a car?
- 5 My sister can / can't cook very well.
- 6 Can / Can't you speak Chinese? I don't believe it!
- 7 Dogs can / can't swim, but cats can / can't.
- 8 Penguins can / can't fly.

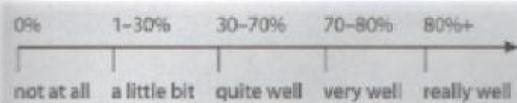


3 Complete the conversations with *can/can't* and a verb from the box.

cook speak run ride do drive

- 1 'Can you speak French?' 'Yes, I can a little bit! Bonjour!'
- 2 '\_\_\_\_ Peter run fast?' 'Yes, he \_\_\_\_\_. He's a 100-metre champion!'
- 3 '\_\_\_\_ Alice cook Italian food?' 'Yes, she \_\_\_\_\_. Really well! Her spaghetti bolognese is amazing!'
- 4 '\_\_\_\_ you ride a motorbike?' 'No, I \_\_\_\_\_, but I \_\_\_\_\_. a car.'
- 5 '\_\_\_\_ you do this homework?' 'Of course I \_\_\_\_! It isn't really difficult!'

4 Rewrite the sentences with expressions from the box.



1 She can play chess. (90%)

She can play chess really well.

2 She can cook. (0%)

She can't cook at all.

3 I can speak German. (40%)

4 He can speak Russian. (15%)

5 We can look after ourselves. (70%)

6 I can sing. (85%)

7 They can't ski. (0%)

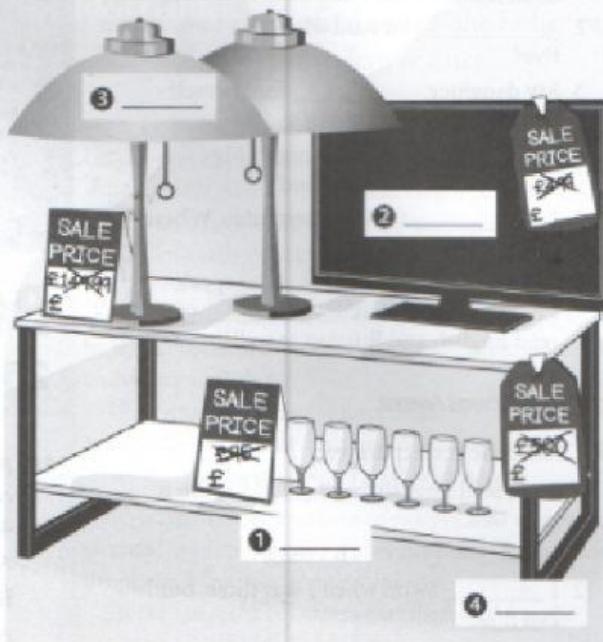
8 I can understand Arabic. (10%)



was/were

5 Look at the things in the sale. Label 1–4 with the words from the box.

lamps table glasses TV



6 5.3 Listen. Write the prices on the labels.

7 Complete the conversations with *was* or *were*.

1 A How much are those glasses?

B They're only £65 in the sale.

A How much were they before?

B They were £95.

A Wow! What a bargain!

2 A How much is the TV?

B It's £379.99 now, but it was £499, so it's a really good price.

A OK. I'd like one, please!

3 A Excuse me. How much are those lamps?

B They're in the sale. They were £149.99, but now they're only £99.99!

4 A Excuse me. How much is that table?

B It was £500, but now it's only £410 because it's in the sale. You save an amazing £90!

A Hmm. I really like it, but it's still too expensive.

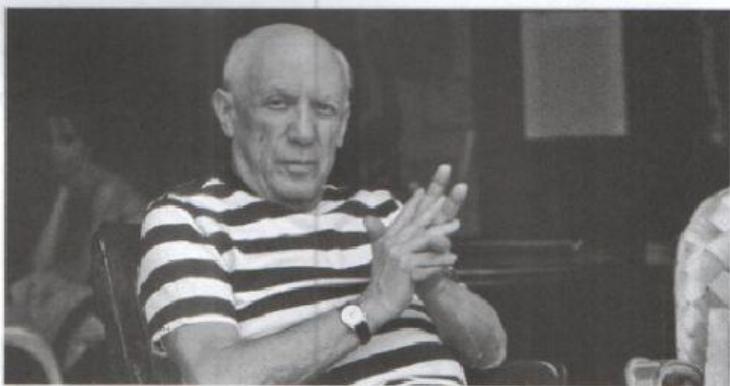
5.3 Listen and check.

8 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 \_\_\_\_\_ you read when you were five?
- 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?'

### *can/can't/was/were*

### 9 Choose the correct answer.



# Pablo Picasso

**25 October 1881–8 April 1973**

10 Pablo Picasso was a child prodigy. Read and complete the conversation about him with *was/wasn't*, *were/weren't*, and *could*.

B Oh yes! It's amazing!

A Where was Picasso born?

B In Malaga.

A Ah! So he <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Portuguese?

B No, he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish. Malaga is in Spain.

A Of course! <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his parents rich?

B Well, they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ rich and they <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ poor. His father, Don José, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a painter and a professor of art. His mother, Dona Maria, <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a housewife.

A So, <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Picasso good at drawing when he <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ young?

B Oh, yes. He <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a child prodigy. He <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ draw before he could speak. His first word <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lápiz, which is Spanish for pencil.

A Wow! What a story.