

Grammar

can/can't for ability

1 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

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| 1 He can to speak five languages. | 5 We can all to speak English. |
| 2 She cans play the guitar. | 6 They can't cooking. |
| 3 Do you can count to ten in German? | 7 Play chess you can? |
| 4 I can't climbing that tree. | 8 I can't to swim very well. |

2 Complete the conversations with can or can't.

- 1 A: _____ you swim?
B: No, I _____. But I'd like to!
- 2 A: Where are you? I _____ see you.
B: I'm over here. _____ you see me now?
- 3 A: _____ Carla speak French?
B: Yes, she _____. Very well.
- 4 A: _____ you help me?
B: I'm sorry, I _____. I have to leave right now.
- 5 A: I _____ climb that tree.
B: No you _____!



3 Use the information to write sentences.

- 1 James: play the piano ✓ play the guitar ✗
James can play the piano, but he can't play the guitar.
- 2 Anna: make bread ✗ make a good carrot cake ✓

- 3 I: speak English ✓ speak French ✗

- 4 My dad: sing quite well ✓ dance ✗

- 5 Max: fix a car ✗ drive one! ✓

- 6 I: say some words in Japanese ✓ have a conversation ✗

- 7 She: play an instrument ✗ sing beautifully ✓

Vocabulary

Skills

4 Match verbs 1–10 with a–j to make phrases.

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| 1 count | _____ |
| 2 drive | _____ |
| 3 play | _____ |
| 4 bake | _____ |
| 5 speak | _____ |
| 6 climb | _____ |
| 7 fix | _____ |
| 8 spell | _____ |
| 9 run | _____ |
| 10 make | _____ |

- a the word *Caribbean*
b to 50 in Spanish
c another language
d a tree
e pizza
f five kilometres
g the piano
h a car
i a cake
j a computer

5 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 Can you *speak*/ *tell* Italian?
2 I think I can *make*/ *fix* your computer for you.
3 Sarah wants to *bake*/ *cook* a meal for us tonight.
4 Would you like to *make*/ *play* chess with me?
5 I can *count*/ *speak* to ten in Korean.
6 I can *run*/ *climb* for five kilometres.
7 Can you *speak*/ *spell* your name for me, please?
8 I want to *bake*/ *cook* a cake for mum's birthday.

6 Complete the sentences with the missing verbs.

- 1 The mechanic says she can't _____ the car.
2 Can you _____ chess?
3 How do you _____ your name?
4 Do you _____ French?
5 Let's _____ a cake for our anniversary.
6 He can _____ really fast.
7 My two-year-old can _____ to ten!
8 Susan can _____ the piano.