

GRAMMAR **can**

We use **can** and **can't** to talk about abilities.

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They **can** dance. She **can't** fly.

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Can he speak English? Yes, he **can**. / No, he **can't**.
How many languages **can** you speak?

1 Make sentences using **can**.

1 Jack / speak / Japanese / .

Jack can speak Japanese.

2 I / swim / one kilometre / .

3 Keiko / stay / under water for one minute / .

4 Jim / jump / four metres / .

5 Pat's brothers / fly / a plane / .

6 Gemma's baby / say / 'mama' / .

2 Rewrite the sentences in Exercise 1 in the negative form.

1 *Jack can't speak Japanese.*

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

3 Order the words to make questions.

1 speak / you / German / can / ?

Can you speak German?

2 Tina's / walk / baby brother / can / ?

3 five / they / kilometres / can / run / ?

4 sister / Italian / your / speak / can / ?

5 you and Mark / French / can / food / cook / ?

6 play / can / brothers / your / football / ?

4 Write short answers for the questions in Exercise 3.

1 ✓ Yes, I **can**.

4 ✓ _____

2 ✗ _____

5 ✗ _____

3 ✗ _____

6 ✓ _____

5 Complete the sentences with adverbs of manner. Use the adjectives in brackets.

1 Children can learn languages **quickly** (quick).

2 We can't speak Italian _____ (good).

3 I can swim _____ (slow).

4 Marla can't run very _____ (fast).

5 Bob can speak Russian _____ (fluent).

6 Match questions 1–5 with answers a–e.

1 b Can Daisy walk?

2 c How many languages can you speak?

3 d Can you stay under water?

4 e Can Dan sing?

5 f Can you jump?

a Yes, I can – for two minutes.

b No, she can't. She's six months old.

c No, he can't.

d Yes, I can – 5.34 metres!

e Three – English, Polish and Spanish.

7 Complete the dialogue with **can** or **can't**.

A: That's a nice photo. Who is it?

B: It's my brother. He's in France now. He's at school there.

A: Oh! ¹ **Can** he speak French?

B: Yes, he ² _____. He ³ _____ speak Chinese and he ⁴ _____ read Chinese too. He ⁵ _____ also dance. It's a dance school.

A: Wow! I ⁶ _____ speak Chinese and I ⁷ _____ dance. Maybe he ⁸ _____ teach me.

B: I think he ⁹ _____. He ¹⁰ _____ sing too. He's very good!

