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can/can't • was/were • could/couldn't • Verbs
• Noun + noun • Polite requests

Super me!

can/can't

1 Pronunciation

Listen. Underline what you hear.

- 1 Superman can / can't fly.
- 2 He can / can't play the piano.
- 3 I can / can't play the guitar.
- 4 My sister can / can't cook very well.
- 5 Can / Can't you speak Spanish? I don't believe it!
- 6 Dogs can / can't swim, but cats can / can't.
- 7 Birds can / can't speak like humans.
- 8 Can / Can't you program a computer!

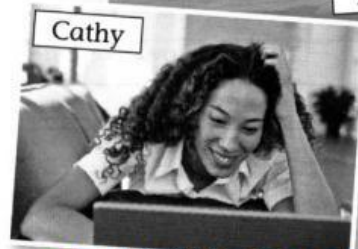
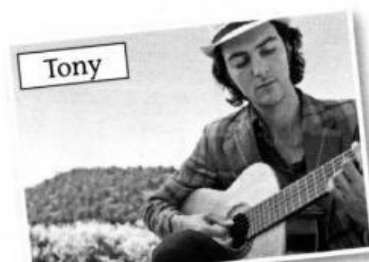


2 What can they do?

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

	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 _____.



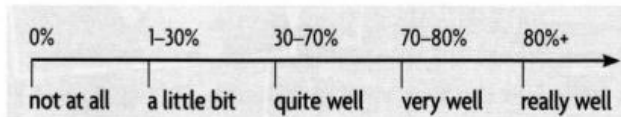
3 What can you do?

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

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- 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.



- 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%)

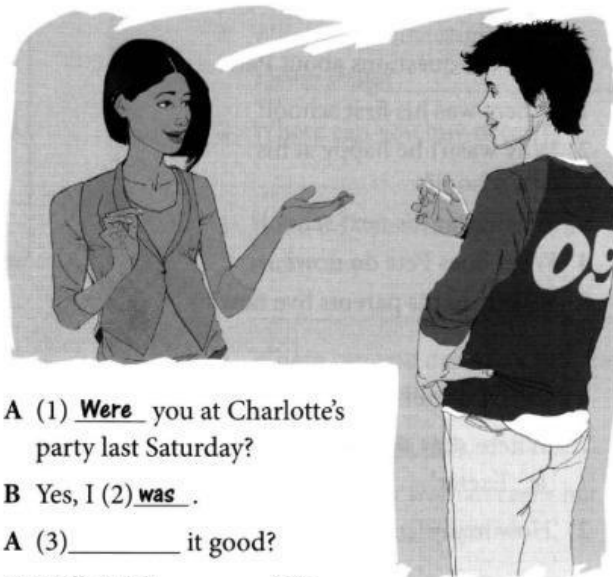
- 7 My brother can program computers. (90%)

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

was/were

4 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

5 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?'