

# ABILITIES

## 0.5

Can/can't • common verbs

### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct verbs. The first letters are given.

How many languages do you **speak**?

- I don't know how to **u** \_\_\_\_\_ my new phone.
- When I'm in the shower, I always **s** \_\_\_\_\_ old songs.
- We're in a disco. The music is great. Come on, let's **d** \_\_\_\_\_.
- I want to **c** \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese food for dinner but I don't know how.
- I can't **p** \_\_\_\_\_. Look at these pictures. They're terrible.
- Let's **p** \_\_\_\_\_ my new computer game.
- Sit down and let me **d** \_\_\_\_\_ you. Wait a minute. I need a pencil and paper.
- The film starts in five minutes. Come on. **R** \_\_\_\_\_! I don't want to be late.
- I **s** \_\_\_\_\_ in the Mediterranean Sea in the summer and **b** \_\_\_\_\_ in Italy or Switzerland in the winter.

### 2 Look at the information and complete the questions and answers.

	paint	cook	dance
You	✓	✗	✗
Your sister	✗	✗	✓
Your parents	✗	✓	✓

you / paint?

Can you paint?

Yes, I can.

1 you / cook?

a \_\_\_\_\_?

b \_\_\_\_\_?

2 What / your sister / do? a \_\_\_\_\_?

She / dance

b \_\_\_\_\_?

3 your sister / cook? a \_\_\_\_\_?

b \_\_\_\_\_?

4 your parents / cook? a \_\_\_\_\_?

b \_\_\_\_\_?

5 your parents / paint? a \_\_\_\_\_?

b \_\_\_\_\_?

### 3 Use information from Exercise 2 and make full sentences. Use can or can't and the linkers and or but.

you / paint / you / cook.

You can paint but you can't cook.

1 Your sister / dance / she / cook.

2 Your parents / cook / they / dance.

3 Your parents / cook / they / paint.

4 Your parents / dance / you / dance.

5 Your parents and your sister / dance / they / paint.

6 Your sister / paint / she / cook

### 4 Choose the correct option.

Grandpa Paolo is 90, but he can / can't do a lot of things! He <sup>1</sup>can / can't use a mobile phone – look at the messages I have from him! His legs are strong and he <sup>2</sup>can / can't run, but he <sup>3</sup>can / can't run *Wings for Life*. He can draw <sup>4</sup>and / but he can paint – he's a very good artist! He <sup>5</sup>can / can't speak Italian, French and German, but he <sup>6</sup>can / can't speak English, so he <sup>7</sup>can / can't help me with my English homework <sup>8</sup>He's old, <sup>9</sup>and / but he still feels young! ☺

### 5 Match the verbs with the actions. Then write the questions and the answers that are true for you. Use can or can't.

cook dance play sing speak swim

across the Atlantic Adele's songs Cyberpunk  
Esperanto spaghetti the waltz



Can you say

"SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS"?

Yes, I can.

1 \_\_\_\_\_?

2 \_\_\_\_\_?

3 \_\_\_\_\_?

4 \_\_\_\_\_?

5 \_\_\_\_\_?