0.5 ABILITIES

Can/can't • common verbs

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

How many languages do you s*peak*?

1 I don't know how to **u**_____ my new phone.
2 When I'm in the shower, I always **s**_____ old songs.
3 We're in a disco. The music is great. Come on, let's **d**_____ .
4 I want to **c**_____ Chinese food for dinner but I don't know how.
5 I can't **p**_____ . Look at these pictures. They're terrible.
6 Let's **p**_____ my new computer game.
7 Sit down and let me **d**_____ you. Wait a minute. I need a pencil and paper.
8 The film starts in five minutes. Come on. **R**_____ ! I don't want to be late.
9 I [a]**s**_____ in the Mediterranean Sea in the summer and [b]**s**_____ 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 [1]*can / can't* use a mobile phone – look at the messages I have from him! His legs are strong and he [2]*can / can't* run, but he [3]*can / can't* run Wings for Life. He can draw [4]*and / but* he can paint – he's a very good artist! He [5]*can / can't* speak Italian, French and German, but he [6]*can / can't* speak English, so he [7]*can / can't* help me with my English homework ☹ He's old, [8]*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 cook spaghetti ?
Yes, I can.

1 _____ ?
_____ .
2 _____ ?
_____ .
3 _____ ?
_____ .
4 _____ ?
_____ .
5 _____ ?
_____ .

LIVEWORKSHEETS