

1 Read 

A. Listen to the comic strip. Then, read it out in groups.

At the leisure centre...




1

Jill I'm bored with these computer games.
Let's do something else.

Amy OK, you're right. Let's go swimming.
There's a swimming pool here.

Jill No, I can't swim well.

Jill Hey! They've got karaoke in the café.
Let's go there. It's fun.

Amy No, I can't sing.

Jill Let's go to the disco then. I'm a great dancer.

Amy I can't dance well.

Jill OK, I've got another idea.

2




3

Security guard Hey you two! Stop!
You can't rollerblade in here!
Look at this mess!

Jill Sorry!

Security guard Come with me!

4

Jill Have you got any other good ideas?



B. Read again and answer the questions.

1. Who wants to go swimming?
 Jill Amy
2. What's in the café?
 a disco karaoke
3. Can Amy sing?
 Yes, she can. No, she can't.
4. Who can dance well?
 Jill Amy
5. Can the girls rollerblade in the leisure centre?
 Yes, they can. No, they can't.

2 Vocabulary

Listen and number (1-6).



buy



paint



use a computer



swim



have a party



clean

3 Grammar

the verb **can**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTIONS	SHORT ANSWERS	
I	I	I	I	I
You	You	you	you	you
He	He	he	he	he
She	She	she	she	she
It can swim.	It can't (= cannot) swim.	Can it swim?	Yes, it can.	No, it can't.
We	We	we	we	we
You	You	you	you	you
They	They	they	they	they

The verb **can**

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTIONS	SHORT ANSWERS	
I can dance	I cannot/can't dance	Can I dance?	Yes, I can.	No, I can't.
You can dance	You cannot/can't dance	Can you dance?	Yes, you can.	No, you can't.
He can dance	He cannot/can't dance	Can he dance?	Yes, he can.	No, he can't.
She can dance	She cannot/can't dance	Can she dance?	Yes, she can.	No, she can't.
It can dance	It cannot/can't dance	Can it dance?	Yes, it can.	No, it can't.
We can dance	We cannot/can't dance	Can we dance?	Yes, we can.	No, we can't.
You can dance	You cannot/can't dance	Can you dance?	Yes, you can.	No, you can't.
They can dance	They cannot/can't dance	Can they dance?	Yes, they can.	No, they can't.

We use **can**:

- to express ability: *He can swim.*
- to ask for permission: *Mum, can I go out?*
- to give or refuse permission: *Yes, you can. / No, you can't.*
- to make a request: *Can I speak to Paul, please?*

The verb **can** is a modal verb. It doesn't take an *-s* in the third person singular, it doesn't form the negative and question form with *do/does*, and it is always followed by the base form of a verb.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb **can**.

1. A: Tom play basketball?
B: No, he , but he play tennis.
2. Daniel and Maria speak Chinese but they can speak English.
3. A: I use your computer?
B: Of course, you .
4. A: Hey, Judy, you clean my room?
B: Of course not!

4 Speak

Talk in groups of four. Ask the other students in your group about the things they can do and complete the table below. Then, report your answers to the class.

	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3	You
dance well				
sing well				
play an instrument				
draw well				
rollerblade				
swim				
speak English				
use a computer				

Can you dance well?
Yes, I can. / No, I can't.
Three students in my group
can dance well.