1.2 Grammar

can (affirmative, negative and questions)

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.*
2 ✗ _____
3 ✗ _____
4 ✓ _____
5 ✗ _____
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 [ ] How many languages can you speak?
3 [ ] Can you stay under water?
4 [ ] Can Dan sing?
5 [ ] 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!



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