

Fifteen-year-old Mateo Garcia is from the USA. Lena, Mia and Noah are his new friends at West Green High. Mateo is happy at school because he has the same sense of humour as his friends.

Mateo's favourite subjects are Spanish and Music. His dad's Mexican, so Mateo can speak Spanish. His dad is a musician, and Mateo can read music, but he can't sing very well!

Science isn't Mateo's favourite subject, but it's important because his dream is to be a vet. Mateo's mum, Tina, is a vet. She and Mateo are both interested in animals, and Mateo is very excited about his new pet!



- 1 0.13 Watch or listen. Why is Mateo happy at school?

- 2 0.14 **I KNOW!** In pairs, match the school subjects in Vocabulary box A with pictures A–F. Listen and check. Can you add more subjects?

VOCABULARY A School subjects

- ☐ Art ☐ Geography ☐ History
☐ Information Technology ☐ Music ☐ Science



- 3 Read the text again. What are Mateo's favourite subjects? What are yours?
- 4 Study the Grammar box. Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.

GRAMMAR Can/Can't for ability

+	I can cook. He can speak Spanish.	
-	We can't (cannot) dance. He can't (cannot) sing.	
?	Can you sing? Can he speak English?	Yes, I can ./No, I can't . Yes, he can ./No, he can't .

- I can speak French, but I **can't** speak German.
- I'm afraid of water because I _____ swim.
- Zoe can sing, but she _____ play the piano.
- I _____ make a cake, but I can't cook a meal.
- What a terrible group! The singer _____ sing!

- 5 0.15 Study Vocabulary box B. Which of these things can Mateo do?

VOCABULARY B Skills and abilities

act cook dance drive a car play the guitar/piano
repair a computer speak English/Spanish swim

- 6 0.16 Listen to Mateo's dad and write down the things he can do.
- 7 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

Can you ...

- say 'hello' in French or German?
- read music?
- swim 400 metres?
- act in a school play?
- draw people's faces?
- play basketball?
- cook a meal for your family?
- do street dance?
- take fantastic photos?
- run one kilometre?
- study to music?

A: Can you say 'hello' in French or German?
B: Yes, I **can**./No, I **can't**.

YOUR WORLD

- 8 Tell the class about five things your partner can do and two things he/she can't do. Use Exercise 7 to help you.