LANGUAGE IN ACTION

can/can't

1 **What do the sentences express? Write *permission*, *prohibition* or *ability*.**

1 Marcus can't leave yet because he's got detention. _____

2 You had a very good grade for your essay Can I read it? _____

3 Sonia can play two instruments and she's a great singer, too. _____

2 **Circle the correct options.**

1 In my school, we (*can*) / *can't* learn Latin if we want.

2 My sister *can* / *can't* speak Italian, but she speaks German well.

3 Mrs Evans says I *can* / *can't* leave until I've finished this exercise.

4 *Can* / *Can't* I borrow your dictionary, please?

5 We *can* / *can't* understand you when you speak clearly.

6 You *can* / *can't* stay in bed all day. It's bad for you.

be allowed to

3 **Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. Then tick (✓) the sentences that are true for your school.**

1 school / at / wear / allowed / Students / aren't / jewellery / to ☐
Students aren't allowed to wear jewellery at school.

2 lunchtime / allowed / phones / We / at / use / to / are / our ☐
_____

3 break time / football / play / Students / at / are / allowed / to ☐
_____

4 shout / allowed / aren't / the / You / teachers / to / at ☐
_____

4 **Write questions and short answers with the correct form of *be allowed to*.**

1 you / cycle to school? (yes)
Are you allowed to cycle to school? Yes, I am.

2 your teachers / give detention? (yes)
_____

3 boys / wear any clothes they like? (no)
_____

4 students / talk in exams? (no)
_____

5 your best friend / sit next to you? (yes)
_____

6 your parents / help with homework? (no)
_____

5 **Complete the conversation with the missing words. Circle the correct options.**



I think it's hard to be the youngest in the family. My big sister [1] _____ to go to bed when she wants, but I [2] _____. On Fridays and Saturdays I [3] _____ stay up later, but not as late as my sister. And my big brothers [4] _____ watch late shows on TV! But they [5] _____ to leave the house without helping our parents. They [6] _____ go to college by car, but I [7] _____ drive yet so I cycle to school. All the people in my family [8] _____ tell me off because I'm the youngest – it's so unfair!

1	(a) is allowed	b are allowed	c can
2	a can	b 'm not	c isn't
3	a can't	b can	c 'm not allowed to
4	a can to	b is allowed to	c are allowed to
5	a aren't allowed	b can't	c not allowed
6	a can	b can't	c aren't allowed to
7	a 'm allowed to	b can	c can't
8	a are allowed to	b is allowed to	c aren't allowed to

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