

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

can/can't

1 **Ex** 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 **Ex** 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 **Ex** 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 **Ex** 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 **Ex** 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