

Lesson 5B

GRAMMAR | *can* for ability

VOCABULARY | verbs of ability

PRONUNCIATION | *can*: weak and strong forms

VOCABULARY

verbs of ability

1 A Put the letters in the correct order to make verbs of ability.

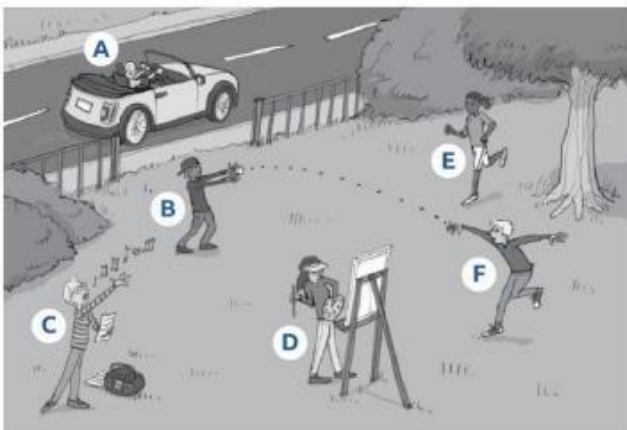
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| 1 seu | 4 drea |
| 2 ednac | 5 peles |
| 3 ylap | 6 reebmrem |

B Match the verbs (1–6) from Ex 1A with the objects (a–f).

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| a chopsticks | d in a bed |
| b the tango | e the guitar |
| c people's names | f a map |

C Match the verbs in the box with activities (A–F). Two verbs are not used.

catch drive paint run
sing swim throw type



D Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- My sister _____ the piano. She's really good.
a dances b plays c sings
- Claire can speak some Japanese, but she can't _____ it.
a catch b read c play
- I can't always _____ words in English.
a paint b dance c remember
- Can you _____ a car?
a dance b type c drive
- Huong often _____ on the bus after work.
a catches b sleeps c uses
- I _____ five kilometres every day.
a run b use c throw
- Kim _____ beautiful pictures of the sea.
a sings b swims c paints
- I always _____ chopsticks when I eat Chinese food.
a catch b use c type

E Read the job adverts. Choose the correct alternatives.

Airport taxi driver

Work: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Pay: \$25 per hour

Skills: ¹drive / ²ride a car

³play / ⁴read a map

⁵type / ⁶speak three languages

WAITER

Work: Weekends

Pay: £12 per hour

Skills: ¹catch / ²speak Japanese

³speak / ⁴remember people's orders

⁵use / ⁶play a coffee machine

Office worker

Work: Monday to Friday

Pay: £20 per hour

Skills: ¹type / ²use a computer

³type / ⁴run quickly

⁵throw / ⁶remember important information

GRAMMAR

can for ability

2 A Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

- a / can't / drive / Nisha / car .
- well / can / dance / Omar / very .
- you / speak / Japanese / Can ?
- coffee machine / father / My / his / use / can't .
- food / Can / Bibi / cook / Turkish ?
- Abdul / song / Spanish / can / a / in / sing .
- but / I'm / can't / sorry, / your / I / name / remember .
- remember / you / dates / Can / important ?

B  The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- Charlotte can speak Italian, but she can't not speak French.
a can
b can't
c isn't
- A: Can Victor play the guitar?
B: No, he can't play.
a isn't
b can't
c cannot play
- Joachim can dances salsa very well, but he can't dance the tango.
a can dance
b can't dance
c dance
- Does Sandeep can swim 10 kilometres?
a Sandeep cannot
b Can Sandeep
c Sandeep can

C Complete the conversations with *can* / *can't* and a verb in the box. Some verbs are used more than once.

drive paint play read sing speak

- A: _____ you _____ two languages?
B: Yes, I _____, I _____ Turkish and German.
- A: _____ Rosa _____ a car?
B: No, she _____. She always walks to work.
- A: _____ Hai Yun _____ people?
B: Yes, she _____. She _____ people very well.
- A: Can Ali _____ the piano?
B: No, he _____ but he _____ very well.
- A: _____ you _____ the map?
B: No, I _____. I don't have my glasses.
- A: _____ you _____ tennis?
B: Yes, I _____, but not very well!

PRONUNCIATION

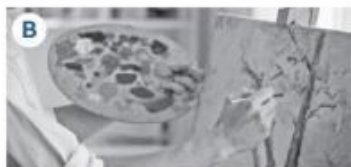
3A  **5.02** | *can*: weak and strong forms | Listen and choose the sound you hear.

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| 1 a /kæn/ | b /kən/ | c /ka:nt/ |
| 2 a /kæn/ | b /kən/ | c /ka:nt/ |
| 3 a /kæn/ | b /kən/ | c /ka:nt/ |
| 4 a /kæn/ | b /kən/ | c /ka:nt/ |
| 5 a /kæn/ | b /kən/ | c /ka:nt/ |
| 6 a /kæn/ | b /kən/ | c /ka:nt/ |

B  **5.02** | Listen again and repeat.

LISTENING

4A  **5.03** | Listen to the conversation. Tick (✓) the things in the photos (A–E) Martin can do.



B  **5.03** | Listen again and complete the table.

	Martin can	Martin can, but not very well	Martin can't
play the guitar			
play the piano			
sing a song in English			
read a map			
use a computer			
type with his eyes closed			
swim			
play football			

C Complete the sentences with words from the conversation in Ex 4A.

- Martin can dance the _____.
- He can't dance _____.
- He can't _____ pictures.
- He can't remember _____.
- He can say 'hello' in _____ languages.
- He can _____ five kilometres.

D  **5.03** | Listen again and hear your answers.