

# 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.

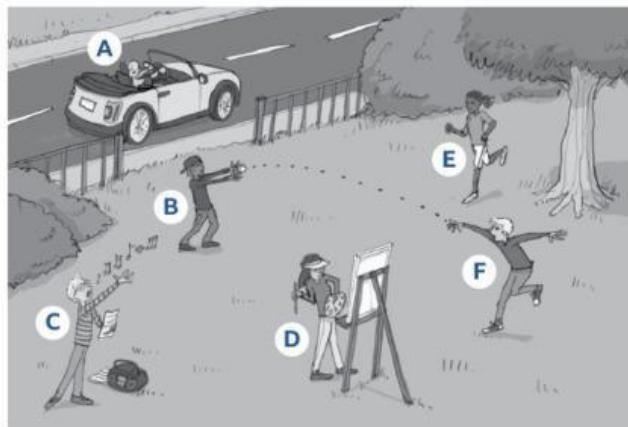
1 seu	4 drea
2 ednac	5 peles
3 ylap	6 reebmrem

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

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.

1 My sister **.....** the piano. She's really good.  
a dances    b plays    c sings

2 Claire can speak some Japanese, but she can't **.....** it.  
a catch    b read    c play

3 I can't always **.....** words in English.  
a paint    b dance    c remember

4 Can you **.....** a car?  
a dance    b type    c drive

5 Huang often **.....** on the bus after work.  
a catches    b sleeps    c uses

6 I **.....** five kilometres every day.  
a run    b use    c throw

7 Kim **.....** beautiful pictures of the sea.  
a sings    b swims    c paints

8 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: <sup>1</sup>drive / **ride** a car

<sup>2</sup>play / **read** a map

<sup>3</sup>type / **speak** three languages

### WAITER

Work: Weekends

Pay: £12 per hour

Skills: <sup>4</sup>catch / **speak** Japanese

<sup>5</sup>speak / **remember** people's orders

<sup>6</sup>use / **play** a coffee machine

### Office worker

Work: Monday to Friday

Pay: £20 per hour

Skills: <sup>7</sup>type / **use** a computer

<sup>8</sup>type / **run** quickly

<sup>9</sup>throw / **remember** important information

## GRAMMAR

### can for ability

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

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

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

- 1 Charlotte can speak Italian, but she can't not speak French.  
 a can  
 b can't  
 c isn't
- 2 A: Can Victor play the guitar?  
 B: No, he can't play.  
 a isn't  
 b can't  
 c cannot play
- 3 Joachim can dances salsa very well, but he can't dance the tango.  
 a can dance  
 b can't dance  
 c dance
- 4 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

- 1 A: ..... you ..... two languages?  
 B: Yes, I ..... I ..... Turkish and German.
- 2 A: ..... Rosa ..... a car?  
 B: No, she ..... She always walks to work.
- 3 A: ..... Hai Yun ..... people?  
 B: Yes, she ..... She ..... people very well.
- 4 A: Can Ali ..... the piano?  
 B: No, he ..... but he ..... very well.
- 5 A: ..... you ..... the map?  
 B: No, I ..... I don't have my glasses.
- 6 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.

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.

- 1 Martin can dance the ..... .
- 2 He can't dance ..... .
- 3 He can't ..... pictures.
- 4 He can't remember ..... .
- 5 He can say 'hello' in ..... languages.
- 6 He can ..... five kilometres.

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