

THE ENGLISH LOVERS

UNIT 13 — Abilities and Requests

LESSON 1 | Top Notch 0 – Workbook, pp. 77–79

2 Look at the pictures. Write a sentence with can or can't.

1. *She can play the guitar* _____.

2. _____.



3. _____.



4. _____.

3 Complete the conversations with can or can't and the base form of a verb.

1. A: _____ you _____ English? B: Oh, yes, and I _____ Spanish, too.
2. A: _____ you _____ my computer? B: No. I _____ fix cars but not computers.
3. A: _____ you _____? B: Yes, I can paint, but not very well.
4. A: _____ your sister _____? B: No. She _____ sew, but she _____ knit.
5. A: _____ your brothers _____ the violin? B: No, but they _____ the guitar.

4 Which occupation is good for you? Take the Top Notch Abilities and Interests Survey.

Top Notch Abilities and Interests Survey

		Do very well	Do well	Do OK	Do badly	Can't do
ABILITIES	1. paint	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	2. draw	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	3. dance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	4. swim	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	5. drive	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	6. play the violin	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	7. ski	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	8. fix a car	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	9. cook	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	10. sing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
		Like a lot	Like	Like a little	Don't like	
INTERESTS	1. go to concerts	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	2. go to museums	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	3. listen to music	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	4. make dinner for friends	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	5. exercise	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	6. go running	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	7. go bike riding	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	8. go for a drive	☐	☐	☐	☐	

RESULTS	Look at your answers. What do you do very well? What do you like to do a lot?
Can you cook well? Do you like to make dinner for friends?	→ Maybe you should be a chef.
Can you sing, dance, play the violin (guitar, piano, other instruments)? Do you like to go to concerts and listen to music?	→ Maybe you should be a singer or musician.
Can you swim and ski? Do you like to exercise and go running and bike riding?	→ Maybe you should be an athlete.
Can you draw and paint? Do you like to go to museums?	→ Maybe you should be an artist.
Can you drive and fix a car? Do you like to go for a drive?	→ Maybe you should be a mechanic.

According to the survey, what should you be? _____

5 Describe your abilities. Complete the sentences.

1. I _____ well, but I _____ badly.
2. I can _____, but not very well.
3. I can't _____ at all.
4. I wish I could _____.