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can/can't/was/were • could/couldn't
Words that go together • Prepositions
Writing – formal letters 1

Can you speak English?

can/can't

1 What can they do?

T 6.1 What can the people do? What can't they do? Complete the sentences with *can* or *can't* + verb.

						
	play the guitar	play the piano	use a computer	program a computer	ride a motorbike	drive a car
Adam	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Flora	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓
Sam	X	✓	X	X	X	✓
Carla	X	X	X	X	✓	✓

- Adam can't play the guitar and he can't play the piano.
- Adam _____ a motorbike and he _____ a car.
- Adam _____ a computer, but he _____ a computer.
- Flora _____ a car, but she _____ a motorbike.
- Only Sam _____.
- Only Flora _____.
- Sam _____ and Flora can't either, but Carla and Adam can.
- Nobody _____.
- Everybody _____.

2 What can you do?

Complete the questions with *can* and a verb from the box. Then match the questions and answers.

play (x2) speak
ride use cook drive

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| 1 ☐ <u>Can</u> you <u>play</u> the piano? | a Yes, I can. French and Spanish. |
| 2 ☐ _____ you _____ any other languages? | b Yes, I can, but I can't program one. |
| 3 ☐ _____ you _____ the guitar? | c No, I can't. I think they're dangerous. |
| 4 ☐ _____ you _____ a motorbike? | d No, I can't, but I love eating it. |
| 5 ☐ _____ you _____ a computer? | e No, I can't, but I can play the piano. |
| 6 ☐ _____ you _____ Italian food? | f Yes, I can. I like playing Bach. |
| 7 ☐ _____ you _____ a car? | g Yes, I can. I have a Fiat Uno. |

was/were

3 Present or past?

Complete the sentences with *am, is, are, was, or were*.

- The homework was very difficult yesterday.
- Hello, everybody! I _____ sorry I _____ late!
- 'Where _____ you born?'
'I _____ born in India.'
- 'Where _____ your sister born?'
'She _____ born in India, too.'
- The weather _____ beautiful today. It _____ terrible yesterday.
- The children _____ very tired today. They _____ at a party yesterday evening.
- I could play chess when I _____ five.
- We _____ married when I _____ eighteen and Roger _____ twenty.

4 How much was it before?

1 Label the pictures in 2 below using the words in the box.

camera bag wine glasses pens briefcase television

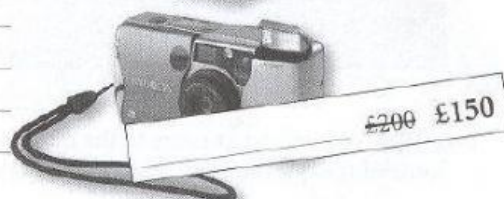
2 **T 6.2** Look at the prices. Write a conversation for each picture.

SALE!!! SALE!!! SALE!!! SALE!!!

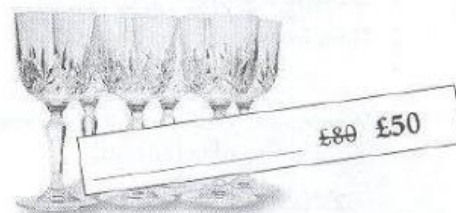
- A How much is the bag?
B It's only £20.
A How much was it before?
B It was £39.99.
A Well ... what a bargain!



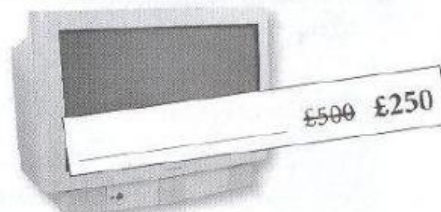
- A _____
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5 Questions and short answers

- 1 **T 6.3** Read about David and Rosa.

DAVID AND ROSA'S DAY

David is an architect and Rosa is a doctor in a large hospital. David gets up at 7.30 a.m. and has a shower. He leaves home at 8.30 and goes to work by train. He arrives at the office at 9.00.

Rosa gets up at 9.30 because she doesn't start work until 1.00 in the afternoon. She goes by bus to the hospital at 12.15.

David finishes work at 5.30 p.m. and goes shopping in a supermarket near the office. Then he goes home and cooks the dinner. He eats alone in the kitchen at 7.00 and then he usually watches TV in the living room until Rosa arrives home at 10.00. She often has her dinner in front of the TV.

David goes to bed at 11.00, but Rosa usually goes to bed a bit later.



- 2 **T 6.4** Write short answers to the questions. Some of the questions are about yesterday.

- 1 Is David a doctor? *No, he isn't.*
- 2 Does Rosa work in a hospital?

- 3 Where were David and Rosa at seven o'clock yesterday morning?

- 4 Was David in the bathroom at twenty-five to eight?

- 5 Was David at work yesterday?

- 6 Was Rosa at work yesterday morning?

- 7 Where was Rosa at twenty past twelve?

- 8 Can David cook?

- 9 Where was Rosa at seven o'clock yesterday evening?

- 10 Where were they at half past ten last night?

could/couldn't

- 6 When I was three I could ...

- 1 Write three things you could do when you were three.

1 *I could run.*

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

- 2 Write three things you can do now that you couldn't do when you were three.

1 *I couldn't swim when I was three, but I can now.*

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

- 3 Write two things you couldn't do when you were three and you still can't do!

1 *I couldn't ski when I was three and I still can't.*

2 _____

3 _____

Vocabulary

7 Words that go together

1 Match a verb in A with a word or phrase in B.

A	B
stay	fluently
ask	the answer
know	a question
start	a phone call
go	in a hotel
get up	work
live	home
speak English	pictures
make	early
paint	alone

2 Complete the conversations with a word or words from exercise 1 in the correct form.

- A Maria! Do you _____ the answer?

B I'm sorry. I can't remember the question!
- A Your son is a very good artist.

B Thank you very much. He could _____ when he was just three.
- A Can you play tennis at nine o'clock on Sunday?

B I'm sorry. I never _____ on Sundays. I stay in bed until eleven.
- A What time do you _____ every day?

B I'm always in the office and at my desk at 9.00.
- A Is your friend English?

B No, she isn't, but she _____.
- A Does your sister _____?

B No, she doesn't. She lives with two friends.
- A Do you want to go to the cinema after work?

B No, thanks. I'm really tired. I just want to _____.

8 Prepositions

Complete the sentences with a preposition from the box.

by with of in on at to

- I was _____ Adam's party _____ Saturday.
- John lives _____ home _____ his parents.
- Tom is _____ the garden _____ his friend Sam.
- I go _____ work _____ bus and I'm _____ work until 5.30 p.m. every day.
- She was _____ the cinema _____ her boyfriend _____ Friday evening.
- Queen Elizabeth II was born _____ London _____ 1926.
- 'Can you help me _____ my homework?'
'_____ course I can; give it _____ me.'
- Look _____ this photo _____ my girlfriend. Isn't she beautiful?



Writing

9 Formal letters 1

1 Read the advertisement for a job.

Carol is interested in the job. Read the information about her and complete her letter.

Name	Carol Barnes
Age	28
Address	4 Hope Road, Oxford OX6 5PP
Present job	Tourist guide
Last job	Hotel receptionist
Languages	French, Spanish

THE OXFORD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

wants

a receptionist

- Do you like working with people?
- Can you speak two foreign languages?
- Can you use a computer?
- Do you know Oxford well?

Please write to Anne Watson
Director
The Oxford International School
16 College Street
Oxford OX2 7PT

2 Study the organization of Carol's letter.

The name and address of the person you are writing to go here.

The date goes here.

We begin all letters, both formal and informal, with *Dear* ...

We use *Ms*, *Miss*, or *Mrs* for a woman. We use *Mr* for a man.

We do not use short forms (*I'm*, *he's*, *it's*, *they're*) in formal letters.

We end formal letters with *Yours sincerely*.

Sign the letter and print your name.

4 Hope (1)
Oxford OX6 5PP

Anne Watson
Director
The Oxford International School
16 College (2)
Oxford OX2 7PT

[August 19

[Dear Ms Watson

I am interested in the job of (3) _____ in your school.
I (4) _____ years old and I (5) _____ in Oxford. At
the moment I (6) _____ guide, but last year
I (7) _____ a hotel receptionist. I (8) _____ working
with people very much and I (9) _____ speak two
(10) _____, French and Spanish. I can also (11) _____
a computer. I (12) _____ born in Oxford, so I know it
very well.

I look forward to hearing from you. _____

Yours sincerely
Carol Barnes
Carol Barnes

Paragraph 1
Introduction

Paragraph 2
The main part of the letter

Paragraph 3
Ending

3 Look at the advertisement for another job and write a similar letter.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

want **TOURIST GUIDES**

- Are you over 18?
- Do you like talking to people?
- Do you know your town well?
- Can you speak English?
- Are you free from July to September?

Please write to
Peter Mann
Happy Holidays,
Central Office,
89 Brook Street,
LONDON W1 5FW