

- 1  Karen is at an interview for a job. Listen and complete the sentences with *can* or *can't*.

Mr Lucas	Good morning, Karen.	Karen	Yes, I (7) _____, but I
Karen	Good morning, Mr Lucas.		(8) _____ type fast.
Mr Lucas	Now, let me see. (1) <u>can</u> _____	Mr Lucas	OK. (9) _____ you tell me
	you drive?		about your interests, please?
Karen	No, I (2) _____, but I	Karen	Yes, of course. I play lots of sports
	(3) _____ ride a motorbike.		and I travel a lot.
Mr Lucas	Right. And (4) _____ you	Mr Lucas	Well, (10) _____ I ask you
	speak any foreign languages?		another question?
Karen	Yes, I (5) _____ speak	Karen	Yes, go ahead.
	Spanish, French, German and	Mr Lucas	(11) _____ you start work
	Chinese.		tomorrow? The job is yours!
Mr Lucas	Excellent! (6) _____ you use		
	a computer?		

- 2 Can you do these activities? Complete the table for yourself. Then answer the questions.

Activity	Lucas	Grace and Tim	You
bake a cake	✓	X	☐
speak Japanese	X	X	☐
swim	X	✓	☐
play an instrument	X	✓	☐
repair a car	✓	X	☐
ride a horse	✓	X	☐
ski	X	✓	☐

- Can Lucas bake a cake or swim?
He can bake a cake, but he can't swim.
- Can Grace and Tim swim?
_____.
- Can Lucas speak Japanese?
_____.
- Can Grace and Tim play an instrument?
_____.
- Can Lucas ski?
_____.
- Can Grace and Tim repair a car?
_____.

- 3 Now write similar sentences about yourself.

- I can't bake a cake, but I can...
- _____.

- _____.
- _____.

- 4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- can't / They / tennis / play
They can't play tennis.
- you / speak / Chinese / Can
_____?
- use / mobile phones / You / at / can't / school
_____.

- borrow / please / Can / your / I / pen
_____?
- have / I / some / Can / please / water
_____?
- help / you / Can / I
_____?

5 Use the prompts and *can* to write sentences.

- 1 my brother / not play / the guitar
My brother can't play the guitar.
- 2 you / clean / bedroom / please
_____?
- 3 they / swim
_____?

- 4 you / pass / the salt / please
_____?
- 5 you / not take photos / in the museum
_____.
- 4 we / see / the mountains / from the hotel
_____?

6 Write questions with *can*. Then answer them with short answers.

- 1 Jill / ride a bike ✗
A *Can Jill ride a bike?*
B *No, she can't.*
- 2 babies / walk ✗
A _____?
B _____.
- 3 Nick / whistle ✓
A _____?
B _____.

- 4 your sister / play hockey ✓
A _____?
B _____.
- 5 Amy / type fast ✗
A _____?
B _____.
- 6 Lisa and Joe / speak Russian ✓
A _____?
B _____.

7 Complete the sentences with *could* or *couldn't*.

- 1 I *couldn't* open the door because it was locked.
- 2 Alfie was a very clever boy. He _____ read when he was four!
- 3 _____ you repeat that, please?

- 4 He was very embarrassed because he _____ remember her name.
- 5 It's a beautiful day. We _____ go for a walk at the seaside.
- 6 After the accident, she _____ play tennis for two months.

8 Complete the sentences. Use *can* / *can't* or *could* / *couldn't* plus a verb from the box.

find see run go speak understand *sleep*

- 1 Susan was really tired last night but she *couldn't sleep*.
- 2 The doctor is very busy. He _____ you today.
- 3 Chris _____ to the meeting last week. He was ill.

- 4 When I was younger I _____ a marathon in three hours!
- 5 Before Mario came to England he _____ English.
Now he _____ everything.
- 6 I looked everywhere for my glasses but I _____ them.

9 What could you do when you were six years old? Write sentences with *could* and *couldn't* and the ideas in the box.

read speak English play the violin sing draw pictures
play video games say the alphabet count to one hundred ride a bike

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

- 3 _____
- 4 _____