

Grammar

can/can't for ability

1 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

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| 1 He can to speak five languages. | 5 We can all to speak English. |
| 2 She cans play the guitar. | 6 They can't cooking. |
| 3 Do you can count to ten in German? | 7 Play chess you can? |
| 4 I can't climbing that tree. | 8 I can't to swim very well. |

2 Complete the conversations with *can* or *can't*.

- 1 A: _____ you swim?
B: No, I _____. But I'd like to!
- 2 A: Where are you? I _____ see you.
B: I'm over here. _____ you see me now?
- 3 A: _____ Carla speak French?
B: Yes, she _____. Very well.
- 4 A: _____ you help me?
B: I'm sorry, I _____. I have to leave right now.
- 5 A: I _____ climb that tree.
B: No you _____. I _____.



3 Use the information to write sentences.

- 1 James: play the piano ✓ play the guitar ✗
James can play the piano, but he can't play the guitar.
- 2 Anna: make bread ✗ make a good carrot cake ✓

- 3 I: speak English ✓ speak French ✗

- 4 My dad: sing quite well ✓ dance ✗

- 5 Max: fix a car ✗ drive one! ✓

- 6 I: say some words in Japanese ✓ have a conversation ✗

- 7 She: play an instrument ✗ sing beautifully ✓

Vocabulary

Skills

4 Match verbs 1–10 with a–j to make phrases.

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| 1 count _____ | a the word <i>Caribbean</i> |
| 2 drive _____ | b to 50 in Spanish |
| 3 play _____ | c another language |
| 4 bake _____ | d a tree |
| 5 speak _____ | e pizza |
| 6 climb _____ | f five kilometres |
| 7 fix _____ | g the piano |
| 8 spell _____ | h a car |
| 9 run _____ | i a cake |
| 10 make _____ | j a computer |

5 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 Can you *speak/tell* Italian?
- 2 I think I can *make/fix* your computer for you.
- 3 Sarah wants to *bake/cook* a meal for us tonight.
- 4 Would you like to *make/play* chess with me?
- 5 I can *count/speak* to ten in Korean.
- 6 I can *run/climb* for five kilometres.
- 7 Can you *speak/spell* your name for me, please?
- 8 I want to *bake/cook* a cake for mum's birthday.

6 Complete the sentences with the missing verbs.

- 1 The mechanic says she can't _____ the car.
- 2 Can you _____ chess?
- 3 How do you _____ your name?
- 4 Do you _____ French?
- 5 Let's _____ a cake for our anniversary.
- 6 He can _____ really fast.
- 7 My two-year-old can _____ to ten!
- 8 Susan can _____ the piano.