

Hello!

Welcome to Serendipity English Summer Course!

**CAN YOU
SING?**

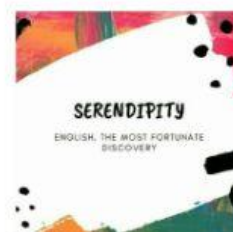


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I can dance but I can't sing.

1. Vocabulary; verb phrases

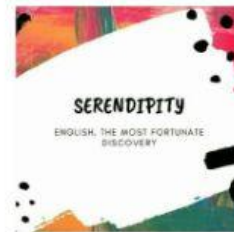




2. Grammar; can / can't

- a. Read about Gary's audition for a British TV programme where people try to become professional singers. Complete it with the following phrases.

- ☐ Can you come with me, please?
- ☐ I can't remember the words!
- ☐ you can have coffee downstairs.
- ☐ we can't hear you
- ☐ Where can I park?



12.30 I arrive in Manchester and drive to the Conference Centre. The traffic is terrible. I'm late!

Guard Hey! You can't park here.
 Gary ¹ *Where can I park?*
 Guard In the car park over there.
 Gary OK. Where's the main entrance?
 Guard The entrance? It's in the other street.
 Gary Thanks!

12.45 I wait for my audition with 350 other singers. I'm very nervous.

Organizer You can practise your songs here, and ² _____.
 Good luck!

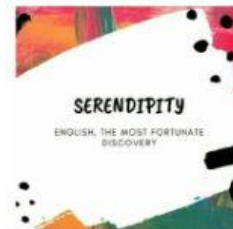
6.00 Five hours later! Finally, a woman calls my number.

Organizer ³ _____. It's your turn now.

6.15 I walk onto the stage. I can see a table and three judges.

Judge What's your song?
 Gary *House of the Rising Sun* by The Animals.
 Judge Sorry, ⁴ _____. Can you speak up?
 Gary *House of the Rising Sun*.
 Judge You can start when you're ready... Can you start, please?

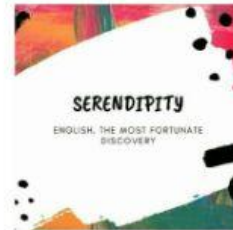
This is it. Oh no!
⁵ _____



- b. Listen and check.
- c. Listen to Gary, Justin and Naomi sing. Who do you vote for to be in the show?
- d. Listen to the judges. What do they say about each singer?
How does Gary feel?
- e. **Use.** Look at the sentences with can / can't and match.

I can = I know how to.
I can't = I don't know how to.
I can = It's possible for me.
I can't = It's impossible for me.
You can = It's OK / It's permitted.
You can't = It's not OK / It's not permitted.
Can you...? = Please do it.
Can I...? = Is it OK if I do it?

1. You can park here. You can't park there.	
2. Can you help me? Can I open the window?	
3. I can dance, but I can't sing.	
4. I can come on Tuesday, but I can't come on Wednesday.	



f. **Form.** Look at the sentences and complete the charts.

Affirmative sentences

You	can	have coffee.

Negative sentences

You	can't	park here.

Questions

Can	you	start, please?

Where	can	I	park?

3. Speaking

You want to be **famous** – but what can you do?

Music

- ★ sing
- ★ play an instrument
- ★ dance
- ★ read or write music

Music

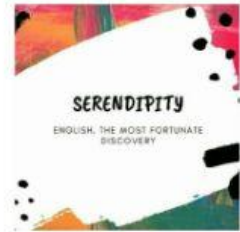
- ★ take artistic photos
- ★ draw cartoons
- ★ paint pictures
- ★ design websites or logos

Words

- ★ write short stories
- ★ write poems or songs lyrics
- ★ speak foreign languages
- ★ speak in public

Sport

- ★ run a half marathon
- ★ play a team sport
- ★ do a winter or water sport
- ★ do an individual sport



4. Reading;

a. Read the article; [X Factor winners – where are they now?](#)

b. Answer the questions.

1. What is *The X Factor* TV programme about?

2. Do you have similar programmes to *The X Factor* in your country?

3. Can you remember the names of some of the winners?
Where are they now?