Lesson 5B

GRAMMAR | *can* for ability
VOCABULARY | verbs of ability
PRONUNCIATION | *can*: weak and strong forms

VOCABULARY

verbs of ability

1 A Put the letters in the correct order to make verbs of ability.

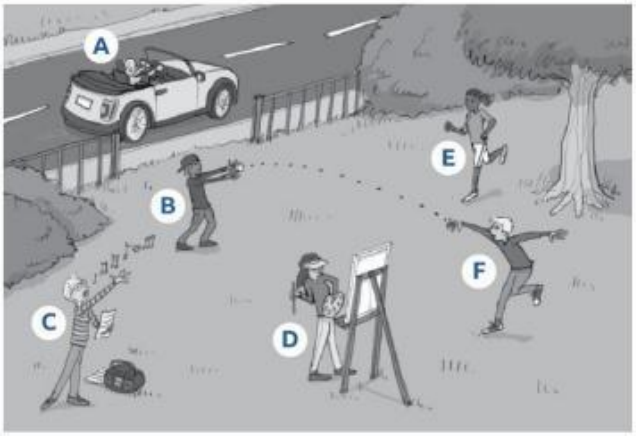
1 seu
2 ednac
3 ylap
4 drea
5 peles
6 reebmrem

B Match the verbs (1–6) from Ex 1A with the objects (a–f).

a chopsticks
b the tango
c people's names
d in a bed
e the guitar
f a map

C Match the verbs in the box with activities (A–F). Two verbs are not used.

catch	drive	paint	run
sing	swim	throw	type



D Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 My sister _____ the piano. She's really good.
a dances b plays c sings
2 Claire can speak some Japanese, but she can't _____ it.
a catch b read c play
3 I can't always _____ words in English.
a paint b dance c remember
4 Can you _____ a car?
a dance b type c drive
5 Huong often _____ on the bus after work.
a catches b sleeps c uses
6 I _____ five kilometres every day.
a run b use c throw
7 Kim _____ beautiful pictures of the sea.
a sings b swims c paints
8 I always _____ chopsticks when I eat Chinese food.
a catch b use c type

E Read the job adverts. Choose the correct alternatives.

Airport taxi driver

Work: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday
Pay: $25 per hour
Skills: [1]**drive** / **ride** a car
[2]**play** / **read** a map
[3]**type** / **speak** three languages

WAITER

Work: Weekends
Pay: £12 per hour
Skills: [4]**catch** / **speak** Japanese
[5]**speak** / **remember** people's orders
[6]**use** / **play** a coffee machine

Office worker

Work: Monday to Friday
Pay: £20 per hour
Skills: [7]**type** / **use** a computer
[8]**type** / **run** quickly
[9]**throw** / **remember** important information

GRAMMAR

can for ability

2 A Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

1 a / can't / drive / Nisha / car .
2 well / can / dance / Omar / very .
3 you / speak / Japanese / Can ?
4 coffee machine / father / My / his / use / can't .
5 food / Can / Bibi / cook / Turkish ?
6 Abdul / song / Spanish / can / a / in / sing .
7 but / I'm / can't / sorry, / your / I / name / remember .
8 remember / you / dates / Can / important ?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B **The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.**

1 Charlotte can speak Italian, but she can't not speak French.
- **a** can
- **b** can't
- **c** isn't

2 A: Can Victor play the guitar?
B: No, he can't play.
- **a** isn't
- **b** can't
- **c** cannot play

3 Joachim can dances salsa very well, but he can't dance the tango.
- **a** can dance
- **b** can't dance
- **c** dance

4 Does Sandeep can swim 10 kilometres?
- **a** Sandeep cannot
- **b** Can Sandeep
- **c** Sandeep can

C **Complete the conversations with *can* / *can't* and a verb in the box. Some verbs are used more than once.**

drive	paint	play	read	sing	speak

1 A: _____ you _____ two languages?
B: Yes, I _____, I _____ Turkish and German.

2 A: _____ Rosa _____ a car?
B: No, she _____. She always walks to work.

3 A: _____ Hai Yun _____ people?
B: Yes, she _____. She _____ people very well.

4 A: Can Ali _____ the piano?
B: No, he _____ but he _____ very well.

5 A: _____ you _____ the map?
B: No, I _____. I don't have my glasses.

6 A: _____ you _____ tennis?
B: Yes, I _____, but not very well!

PRONUNCIATION

3A **5.02 | *can*: weak and strong forms | Listen and choose the sound you hear.**

1	**a** /kæn/	**b** /kən/	**c** /ka:nt/
2	**a** /kæn/	**b** /kən/	**c** /ka:nt/
3	**a** /kæn/	**b** /kən/	**c** /ka:nt/
4	**a** /kæn/	**b** /kən/	**c** /ka:nt/
5	**a** /kæn/	**b** /kən/	**c** /ka:nt/
6	**a** /kæn/	**b** /kən/	**c** /ka:nt/

B **5.02 | Listen again and repeat.**

LISTENING

4A **5.03 | Listen to the conversation. Tick (✓) the things in the photos (A–E) Martin can do.**











B **5.03 | Listen again and complete the table.**

	Martin can	Martin can, but not very well	Martin can't
play the guitar			
play the piano			
sing a song in English			
read a map			
use a computer			
type with his eyes closed			
swim			
play football			

C **Complete the sentences with words from the conversation in Ex 4A.**

1 Martin can dance the _____.
2 He can't dance _____.
3 He can't _____ pictures.
4 He can't remember _____.
5 He can say 'hello' in _____ languages.
6 He can _____ five kilometres.

D **5.03 | Listen again and check your answers.**

LIVEWORKSHEETS