

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.

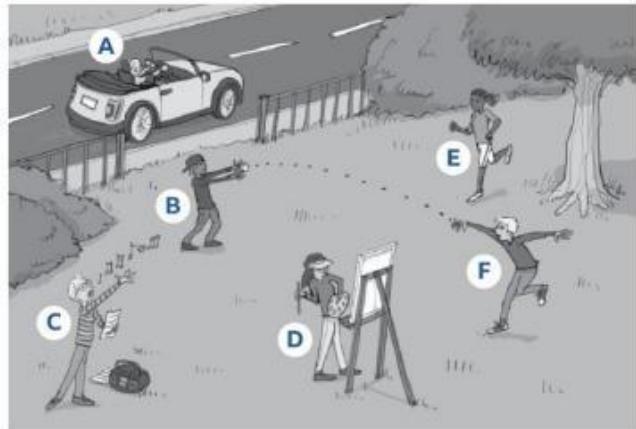
1 seu	4 drea
2 ednac	5 peles
3 ylap	6 reebmrem

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

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

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 ?

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

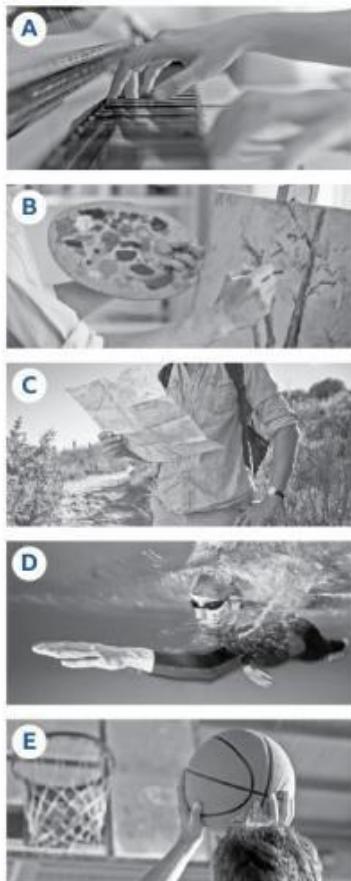
3A  5.02 | ***can*: weak and strong forms** | Listen and choose the sound you hear.

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 the box a answer.

LIVE WORKSHEETS