

# Modal Verbs Can

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## USE OF ENGLISH. (10 points)

### *can* (for ability)

1. Look at the information about Marie and Jeff. Underline the correct word. (4 points)

	Marie	Jeff
play the guitar	Yes	No
dance	No	Yes
swim a mile	No	No

- a) Marie **can** / **can't** play the guitar.
- b) Jeff **can** / **can't** play the guitar.
- c) Marie and Jeff **can** / **can't** swim a mile.
- d) Jeff **can** / **can't** dance.

2. Choose the correct option that completes the sentence. (6 points)

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the piano?

B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A) Can / use / I can
- B) Can / play / I can
- C) Can / play / I
- D) Can / use / \*

2. A: \_\_\_\_\_ of food \_\_\_\_\_ our cook cook?

B: Italian & French food.

- A) What of / can
- B) Which / can
- C) What kind / can
- D) What / can

3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ can she \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar?

B: Very well.

A) How / play

B) Why / play

C) What / play

D) When / play

4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ can they \_\_\_\_\_ a computer?

B: In the office.

A) What time / use

B) Where / use

C) When / use

D) Where / using

5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ languages can her aunt \_\_\_\_\_ ?

B: 2 languages.

A) How many / speak

B) How much / speak

C) What / use

D) What / speak

6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ languages can Mrs. Brown speak?

B: English & Irish.

A) How

B) What

C) Why

D) Where

### **READING (10 points)**

#### **3. Read the text and complete the information. (5 points)**

a) Jake O'Malley is an \_\_\_\_\_ .

b) He \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano.

c) He can speak \_\_\_\_\_ well.

d) He \_\_\_\_\_ a car.

e) Jake is looking for work \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Job wanted**

Hello. My name is Jake O'Malley and I'm twenty-seven years old. I'm an actor and I'm looking for a job. I started acting at school, and studied drama at the National School of Acting. I have many talents. I can sing and play the guitar and the piano. I can dance quite well, and I also speak three languages: English, French and Spanish (but I can't speak Spanish very well). I can't drive, but I live in London, so I don't have a car. I can even ride a horse! Last year I was in a film with Sean Connery. I'm looking for work in a theatre or on TV. I'm confident and friendly. Please give me a job!

**4. Read the description and complete the sentences. (5 points)**

- a) The photo shows the writer's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) The writer's mother is wearing expensive \_\_\_\_\_ .
- c) In the photo the writer's father has \_\_\_\_\_ hair.
- d) The writer's father is wearing a red \_\_\_\_\_ .
- e) Now, the writer's mother has grey \_\_\_\_\_ .

I'm looking at an old photo of my parents' wedding. In the photograph my mother has long, blond hair. She's wearing a grey skirt and a black jacket with a small grey hat – and expensive black shoes. My father has dark, curly hair and a moustache. He's wearing a black suit, black shoes and a red tie. He's very good-looking. They're smiling and laughing. They both look very young. Now my mother has grey hair and my father doesn't have any hair, but he's got a beard!

**LISTENING (10 points)**

**5. Listen to Katy and Andrew talking about talents. Match the names (a–e) to the things the people can and can't do (1–5). (5 points)**

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|-----------|--------------------------|
| a) Ian    | 1 can't speak Chinese.   |
| b) Katy   | 2 can play the guitar.   |
| c) Andrew | 3 can play the piano.    |
| d) Mum    | 4 can't dance.           |
| e) Dad    | 5 can't play the guitar. |

**6. Listen to Anna and Charlie talking about TV. Choose the correct information to complete the sentences. (5 points)**

- a) The new soap opera is about \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) bad people (2) a pop star (3) a hospital
- b) People on the game show want to win \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) money (2) a car (3) clothes
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ is at nine o'clock.  
(1) A documentary (2) *Big Brother* (3) A game show
- d) The documentary is about \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) a hospital (2) sharks (3) people
- e) Anna is going to watch \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) the news (2) the documentary (3) the soap opera

**WRITING AND VOCABULARY (20 points)**

**Vocabulary. (10 points)**

**7. Instructions: Choose the correct answer that best completes the sentence. (1.25 each/ 10 points).**

**1. I'm sorry, but I can't afford that concert ticket.**

**What does "can't afford" mean?**

- A. I don't want it
- B. I don't have enough money
- C. I can't find it
- D. I'm not allowed to buy it

**2. She can't stand loud chewing.**

**What does "can't stand" mean?**

- A. Can't hear
- B. Can't control
- C. Strongly dislikes
- D. Likes a lot

**3. You can borrow my notes if you need help studying.**

**What is the function of “can” in this sentence?**

- A. Ability
- B. Possibility
- C. Permission
- D. Request

**4. He can solve any math problem you give him.**

**What does “can” express here?**

- A. Necessity
- B. Ability
- C. Suggestion
- D. Request

**5. I can’t help laughing every time I watch that movie.**

**What does “can’t help” mean?**

- A. I’m not allowed to
- B. I always forget to
- C. I try not to
- D. I can’t stop myself from

**6. Talking about politics at dinner opened a real can of worms.**

**What does “can of worms” mean?**

- A. A delicious dish
- B. A very fun topic
- C. A messy and complicated situation
- D. Something very boring

**7. We can only do so much before we burn out.**

**What does this phrase imply?**

- A. We’re very lazy
- B. We’re all-powerful
- C. We have limited energy or ability

D. We can't do anything

**8. "The exam was tough, but I did the best I can."**

**Which correction is needed?**

A. Change "did" to "do"

B. Change "can" to "could"

C. Add "not" before "can"

D. No correction needed

**Writing. (10 points)**

**8. Write sentences using "can" or "can't" based on the prompts below. (10 points)**

a) I / swim

b) My friend / play tennis

c) She / cook

d) They / speak Spanish

e) We / ride a bike

f) He / sing

g) I / play the piano

h) You / drive

i) She / write love poems

j) Martin / sing folk music