


# interchange 10 HIDDEN TALENTS

**A CLASS ACTIVITY** Go around the class. Find someone who can and someone who can't do each thing. Try to write a different name on each line.


Names Zabdi, Juan and Sofia

Can you ... ?	Can	Can't
play two musical instruments	Zabdi Yes, Juan Yes	Sofia no, Juan no, Sofia Yes
whistle a song	Sofia Yes	Sofia, no
say "Hello" in three languages	Sofia Yes, Zabdi Yes	Zabdi no, Juan no
swim underwater	Zabdi Yes	Juan no
raise one eyebrow		Juan no, Sofia Yes
do a handstand		Juan no, Zabdi no, Sofia no
fix a computer	Sofia Yes	Juan no, Zabdi no, Sofia no
make your own clothes	Zabdi Yes, Sofia Yes	Juan no, Zabdi no
say the alphabet backward		Juan no
wiggle your ears		Juan no, Zabdi no, Sofia no

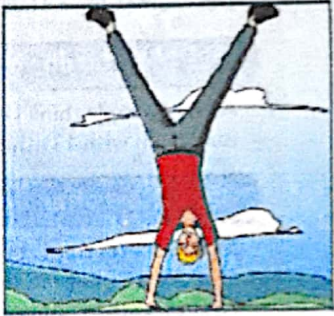
  



**whistle a song**




**raise one eyebrow**




**do a handstand**


  



**make your own clothes**



**say the alphabet backward**



**wiggle your ears**

A: Can you play two musical instruments?  
 B: Yes, I can. OR No, I can't.

**B CLASS ACTIVITY** Share your answers with the class.

"Mei-li can't play two musical instruments, but Claudia can. She can play the violin and the piano."

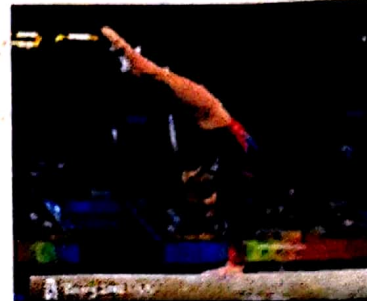
**C** Do you have any other "hidden talents"?

## An interview with Shawn Johnson

How often do you think professional athletes practice?



Get a sneak peek inside the life of this U.S. gold medal-winning Olympic gymnast!



**Where are you from?**

Des Moines, Iowa. I live there now.

**Who do you train with?**

A lot of people think I have a private coach. But I train with 13 other girls at the gym!

**How often do you practice?**

Most athletes train about 45 hours a week. But my parents want me to have a "normal life." I train about 25 hours a week. I usually work out four hours a day during the week, and five to six hours on Saturdays. I don't practice on Sundays.

**What do you eat to stay healthy?**

I have to watch my diet to be a healthy gymnast. But I don't get stressed about it.

**What are your favorite foods?**

Chicken and steak kebabs, peaches and cream, and corn on the cob.

**What do you do when you're not training?**

I love to ride horses and spend time with my friends.

**What do you do for good luck?**

I always travel with my blankets. But I don't believe in good-luck charms!

**Who are your biggest fans?**

My mom, dad, and of course my coach!

**A** Read the interview. Then check (✓) the correct answers to the questions.

- Who does Shawn train with?
  - just her coach
  - other gymnasts
- How often does she practice?
  - 25 hours a week
  - 45 hours a week
- How much does she train on Saturdays?
  - four hours
  - five to six hours
- What does she like to do in her free time?
  - eat in restaurants
  - ride horses and be with friends
- What does she travel with?
  - a good-luck charm
  - her blankets

**B GROUP WORK** Do you think athletes have an easy life? Is playing a sport fun, or hard work? Discuss your reasons with your classmates.

## PROGRESS CHECK

### 3 LISTENING *What do you play?*

1 Listen to Jenny ask Ben about sports. Check (✓) Ben's answers.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> I play baseball.                | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> At 6:30 P.M.          | 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On the weekends. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I play basketball.      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At 6:30 A.M.  | <input type="checkbox"/> In the afternoons.             |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Some friends from school.       | 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Every day. | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At the park.     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Some friends from work. | <input type="checkbox"/> Every week.              | <input type="checkbox"/> In the yard.                   |

### 4 WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

A Complete the chart with things you love, like, and don't like.

	I love ...	I like ...	I don't like ...
Sports	Kick boxing	box	Football
Foods	Pizza	Hamburger	Carrots
Clothes	Shorts	dresses	Skirt

B **PAIR WORK** Find out what your partner loves, likes, and doesn't like. Then ask more questions with *who*, *where*, *how often*, or *when*.

A: What sports do you love?

B: I love ice-skating.

A: Who do you usually go ice-skating with?

### 5 JOB ABILITIES

**GROUP WORK** What can these people do well? Make a list. Use the abilities in the box and your own ideas. Then tell the class.



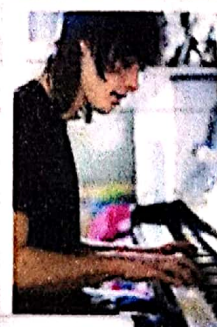
chef



mechanic



artist



musician

bake  
cook  
draw  
fix a car  
fix a motorcycle  
paint  
play the piano  
read music

A: A chef can cook very well.

B: A chef can also bake things, like cakes.

C: Also, a chef can ...

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Can or can't?

A Can you do these things? Check (✓) can or can't.

	can	can't
1. cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. dance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. drive a car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. play chess	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. play the piano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. snowboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. speak two languages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. swim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. tell good jokes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. upload photos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



B Write sentences about the things in part A.

- I can't cook at all.
- I can dance really well.
- I can't drive car
- I can't play chess because it is difficult for me
- I can't not play the piano
- I can't snowboard because there is snow where I live
- I can't speak two languages because I don't speak English well
- I can swim since I was a child.
- I can't tell good jokes
- I can take good photos.



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Write each sentence a different way. Use the sentences in the box.

I hardly ever go hiking.

She tells good jokes.

I love it.

He can't sing at all.

He can play sports well.

She has many talents.

1. He's a great athlete.

He can play sports well.

2. I don't go hiking very often.

I Hardly ever go hiking

3. She has a lot of abilities.

She has many talents

4. I really like it.

I love it

5. He's a terrible singer.

He can't sing at all

6. She's very funny.

She tells good jokes.



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Answer these questions with short answers. Use your own information.

1. Can you speak English well?

No.

2. Can you speak Spanish?

Yes

3. Can you ride a bike?

Yes

4. Do you like sports?

Yes

5. Are you a good student?

Yes

6. Do you like your English class?

Yes

7. Can you play a musical instrument?

I don't know

8. Do you ever go ice-skating?

Yes

9. Do you ever play basketball?

Yes

10. Can you download a video?

Yes

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What can your friends and family do? What can't they do? Write sentences.

1. My mom can't drive the car

2. My boyfriend can be very smart

3. My dad can do a lot of exercise

4. My friend Sofia can rescue animals