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## Grammar - "Can" and "can't" for ability

We use "can" or "can't" + the base form of a verb to talk about ability.



Carrie can play the guitar.



Josie can't cook.

### Questions

Can you play the guitar

Can he speak English

### Short Answers

Yes, I can. / No, I can't.

Yes, he can. / No, he can't.

Use "can" or "can't" with "well" to indicate degree of ability  
Example: she can play the guitar, but she can't play it very well.

can't= can not= cannot

**Exercise 3.** Complete each conversation with "can" or "can't" and the base form of a verb.

1. A: can you play the guitar?

B: Yes, I can. But I don't play well.

2. A: can Gwen play well?

B: Yes, she can. She swims very well.

3. A: can your brother cook ?

B: My brother? No. He can't cook at all.

4. A: can Gloria speak English well.

B: No, she can't. She needs this class.

5. A: can your mother knit ?

B: Yes. She knits very well.

6. A: can your sisters skiing ?

B: Yes. They go skiing every weekend.

**Exercise 4.** Answer the questions with true information. Use short answers with "can" or "can't".

1. Can you play the piano? can't play the piano I am not that expert

2. Can you ski? I can't ski but I can try

3. Can your parents sing well? Can't my parents can sing well but can try

4. Can your friend speak English? they can't know much

5. Can you draw? i can't to draw but can try

6. Can your father fix things? some things can fix

## Grammar - Too + adjective

"Too" makes an adjective stronger. It usually gives it a negative meaning.

Example: I'm too busy. I can't talk right now.

Example: I'm too tired. Let's not go to the movies.

Example: It's too late. I should go to bed.

### Exercise 5.



1. I don't want these shoes. They're too expensive.



2. It's too cold today. She can't go swimming.



3. I'm too tired I can't read right now.



4. He doesn't want that shirt. It's too short.



5. I can't talk right now. I'm too work.



6. It's too late for a movie. We should go to bed.

### Exercise 6. Complete each sentence. Use "too" and an adjective.

1. I need a new dress. This dress is too old.

2. This skirt is too tall I want a short skirt.

3. His shirt is too big . He needs size small.

4. I don't want that suit. It's too small.

5. He needs size medium. This shirt is too big.