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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.





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

Carrie can play the guitar.

Josie can't cook.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ I play\_\_\_\_\_. But I don't play well.

2. A: \_\_\_you\_\_\_\_ Gwen \_\_this\_\_\_\_ well?

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

3. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_ your brother \_\_\_\_\_cook\_\_\_\_\_?

B: My brother? No. He no Cook at all.

4. A: \_\_can\_\_\_\_ Gloria \_\_speak\_\_\_\_ English well.

B: No, she \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_. She needs this class.

- 5. A: \_\_\_\_\_ your mother \_\_\_\_\_ weave \_\_\_\_\_?
  - B: Yes. She knits very well.
- 6. A: \_\_\_\_\_ can\_\_\_\_\_ your sisters \_\_\_\_\_ ski\_\_\_\_?
  - 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? I can't
- 2. Can you ski? Can I
- 3. Can your parents sing well? if you can
- 4. Can your friend speak English? can not
- 5. Can you draw? yes I can
- 6. Can your father fix things? yes I can

## Grammar - Too + adjective

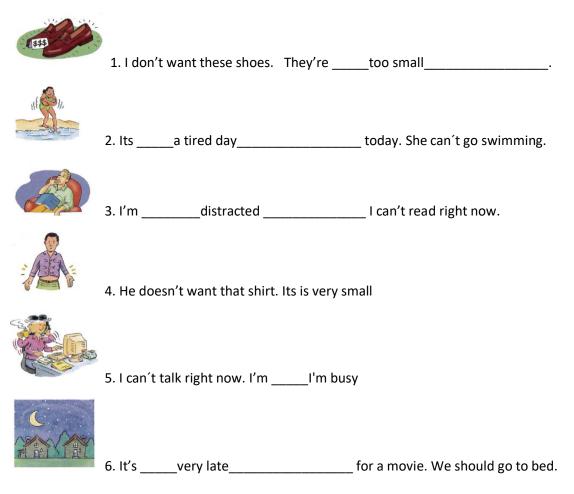
"Too" makes an adjective stronger. It usually gives it a negative meaning.

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.



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 \_\_\_long\_\_\_\_\_ I want a short skirt.
- 3. His shirt is \_\_\_\_\_very large\_\_\_\_\_. He needs size small.
- 4. I don't want that suit. It's \_\_suit is very nice\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. He needs size medium. This shirt is \_\_\_\_\_ a little big\_\_\_\_\_\_.