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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	Short Answers
Carrie can play the guitar.	Josie can't cook.	Can you play the guitar	Yes, I can. / No, I can't.
		Can he speak English	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 ___ I play ____. But I don't play well.

2. A: ___ you ___ Gwen ___ this ___ well?

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

3. A: ___ can ___ 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: ___ can ___ 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.



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



2. It's _____ a tired day _____ today. She can't go swimming.



3. I'm _____ distracted _____ I can't read right now.



4. He doesn't want that shirt. Its is very small



5. I can't talk right now. I'm _____ I'm busy



6. It's _____ very 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 ___ 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_____.