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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.

- A: **Can** you **play** the guitar?  
B: Yes, **I can play the guitar**. But I don't play well.
- A: **Can** Gwen **swim** well?  
B: Yes, she **can swim**. She swims very well.
- A: **Can** your brother **cook**?  
B: My brother? No. He **can't** cook at all.
- A: **Can** Gloria **speak** English well.  
B: No, she **can't speak well**. She needs this class.
- A: **Can** your mother **knits**?  
B: Yes. She knits very well.
- 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".

- Can you play the piano? No I can not \_\_\_\_
- Can you ski? Yes, I can \_\_\_\_
- Can your parents sing well? No they can not \_\_\_\_
- Can your friend speak English? Yes he can \_\_\_\_
- Can you draw? Yes I can \_\_\_\_
- Can your father fix things? Yes he 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 expensive.



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



3. I'm too old 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 busy.



6. It's too night 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 long 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 black.

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