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VOCABULARY

Abilities



1. sing



2. dance



3. swim



4. play the guitar/ the violin



5. ski



6. cook



7. sew



8. knit



9. draw



10. paint



11. drive



12. fix things

Exercise 1. Translate to Spanish the vocabulary above. Traduce al español el vocabulario de arriba.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Cantar | 7. Costurar |
| 2. Bailar | 8. Tejer |
| 3. Nadar | 9. Dibujar |
| 4. Tocar la guitarra/ el violin | 10. Pintar |
| 5. Esquiar | 11. Manejar |
| 6. Cocinar | 12. Reparar cosas |

Grammar - Adverbs "well" and "badly"

Use **"badly"** if your sentence is active. You should determine if your sentence involves how an action is/was performed. This means it is active and requires an adverb, such as "badly."

For instance, in the sentence "I feel badly since my fingers were burned," the word "feel" is used actively as an action. Instead of describing an emotional state, the sentence now describes a person's ability to touch. Therefore, the adverb "badly" is used.

Badly es un adverbio, lo que significa que describe los verbos o las acciones además de otros adjetivos y adverbios. Por ejemplo, cuando alguien “habla mal”, cuando alguien “cocina mal”, cuando alguien “conduce mal” etc, usamos badly. Es decir, Badly cataloga lo mal que se realiza algo.

Ejs: Su novia canta bastante mal. His girlfriend sings pretty badly.

Él juega muy mal al fútbol. He plays football very badly*.

Él está mal vestido He’s badly dressed.

Use **“well”** if your sentence is active. Once you understand that the meaning of your sentence is active in nature, use the adverb “well” to further your explanation of how an action is/was performed.

For instance, in the sentence “I feel well now that my fingers have healed,” the word “feel” is used actively as an action. Instead of describing an emotional state, the sentence now describes a person’s ability to touch (or to “do” something well—which is an action). Therefore, the adverb “well” is used.

Un adverbio nos dice de que manera se hace la acción. Cuando **WELL** se usa como adverbio significa que la acción se hace bien, de manera adecuada, con claridad, etc.

I could not hear the teacher well. - No pude escuchar el profesor con claridad.

Things are going well. - Las cosas van bien.

He did his job well. - El hizo su trabajo bien/adecuadamente.

Exercise 2. Escribe 3 oraciones usando well y 3 oraciones usando badly usa el vocabulario de arriba

Well

1. I play well
2. Carlos dances well
3. Lili draws well

Badly

1. Michelle cooks badly
2. Paula sings badly
3. Abi paints badly

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 ___ swims ___ well?

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

3. A: ___ can ___ your brother ___ cook ___?

B: My brother? No. He ___ cook at all.

4. A: ___ can ___ Gloria ___ speak ___ English well.

B: No, she ___ cant ___. She needs this class.

5. A: ___ can ___ your mother ___ knits ___?

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? _____ Yes I can play very well _____

2. Can you ski? _____ I can't ski _____

3. Can your parents sing well? _____ Yes I can sing well _____

4. Can your friend speak English? _____ Yes I can speak english _____

5. Can you draw? _____ I can't draw _____

6. Can your father fix things? _____ Yes I can fix things _____

