

Unit 3 Lesson 1 - Can you speak multiple languages?

Target Language



Introduce today's sentences.



Grammar Focus

- Can + subject pronoun + verb ...?
- Yes, + subject pronoun + can.
- No, + subject pronoun + can't.

Key Expressions

- Can you speak multiple languages?
- No, I can't. I am just a bilingual.



Word Focus



Listen to the teacher and repeat.



translator



bilingual



foreign language teacher



multilingual

Conversation



Listen to the audio and repeat.



Jerrica: She looks chic in her autumn coat.

Aya: Who is she? What does she do?

Jerrica: Her name is Maria, a foreign language professor. I've heard

that she also works as a part-time translator for a certain company.

Aya: Wow! She is excellent!

Jerrica: Can you speak multiple languages?

Aya: No, I can't. I'm just a bilingual.

I want to be a multilingual like her. How about you?

Jerrica: Not really. I want to be a hairdresser, like my neighbor – Tess.

Aya: Cool! Can she help me style my hair?

Jerrica: Yes, she can. She is very good at it.

Aya: Great! I'll visit your neighbor for a new hairstyle on holiday.



Learn the grammar structures.

'Can'

Can is an auxiliary verb, a modal auxiliary verb. We use "can" to talk <u>ability</u> and make <u>requests</u>.

GENERAL ABILITY

to talk about what someone is able to do

Subject + Auxiliary Verb Can + Main Verb ...

A translator can change words from one or more languages to another language.

A hairdresser can cut and style people's hair.

REQUEST

to ask someone to do something for you

Auxiliary Verb Can + Subject + Main Verb...?

Can she help me style my hair?

Can you give me a lift to school?

Notes

Modal verbs are a type of auxiliary verbs that are not subject to **inflection**, which means that you do not add any suffixes to the modal verb.



Learn the grammar structures.

Modal Can: Yes/ No Questions

As 'can' is a modal verb, even in the third person singular no 's' is added.

Pronoun	Question	Positive Short Answer	Negative Short Answer
I / You	Can you run in a marathon?	Yes, I can.	No, I can't.
He / She / It	Can she dance hip-hop?	Yes, she can.	No, she can't.
We / You / They	Can they read fast?	Yes, they can.	No, they can't.



Could

- We use the modal "could" to express an ability in the past.
 - Subject + could/ couldn't + Main Verb + time expression ...
- I could read the alphabet before I started school.
- She couldn't cook until she went to the university.

Activity



Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

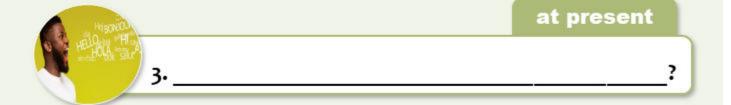
- 1. Rob <u>can / can't</u> speak English really well. He sounds like a native speaker.
- 2. When I was a girl, I <u>could/couldn't</u> swim 10 kilometers.
- 3. Tim's a big rugby fan but he can/can't play anymore. He's too old.
- 4. Are you sure you put sugar in my tea? I honestly could/couldn't taste it.
- 5. The children <u>can/ can't</u> find that the teacher was very angry.
- 6. The police searched the whole village for the criminal, but they could/couldn't see.
- 7. My great-grandfather was a very clever man but he can/can't read or write.
- 8. Did you remember to turn off the cooker? I could/couldn't smell something burning.

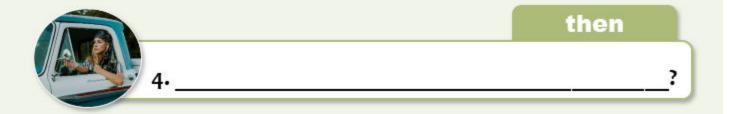
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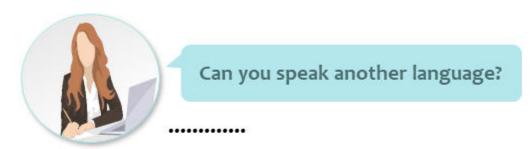


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Exercise II. Have an interview with your teacher. Ask your teacher what she can and could do.







Use the following expressions:

- --- What + does + subject + do?
- --- Can + subject pronoun + verb + noun?

Summary



Read what we learned today.



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multilingual

foreign language teacher

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