



Unit 3 Lesson 2 - What other languages can she speak?



Complete the sentences using can, can't, could, couldn't.

1. If my sister were younger, she \_\_\_\_\_ learn English.
2. Most dinosaurs walked on land, but some \_\_\_\_\_ fly or even swim.
3. It is cold in here. \_\_\_\_\_ you please shut the window?
4. When Maria was 15, she was a fast runner. She \_\_\_\_\_ run 200 meters in 30 seconds.
5. Please speak louder. I \_\_\_\_\_ hear you well.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you play chess when you were five? No, I \_\_\_\_\_.



Introduce today's sentences.



### Grammar Focus

- What + noun + can ...?
- Could vs. Be able to

### Key Expressions

- What other languages can she speak?
- I wasn't able to access it yesterday.





Listen to the teacher and repeat.

Ciao!

Italian

Olá!

Portuguese

Bonjour!

French

Salam

Persian

Hola!

Spanish

Sawasdee!

Thai



Listen to the audio and repeat.

**Aya:** So, where is professor Maria from?

**Jerrica:** She is from Brazil. She is Brazilian so she can speak Portuguese.

**Aya:** What other languages can she speak?

**Jerrica:** She can speak English, French, Persian, and many more.

**Aya:** Wow! That's amazing. I'll enroll in her class next semester.

I could speak a little French before but I want to study it again. I'll also try to learn more languages like Italian, Persian, and Spanish as well.

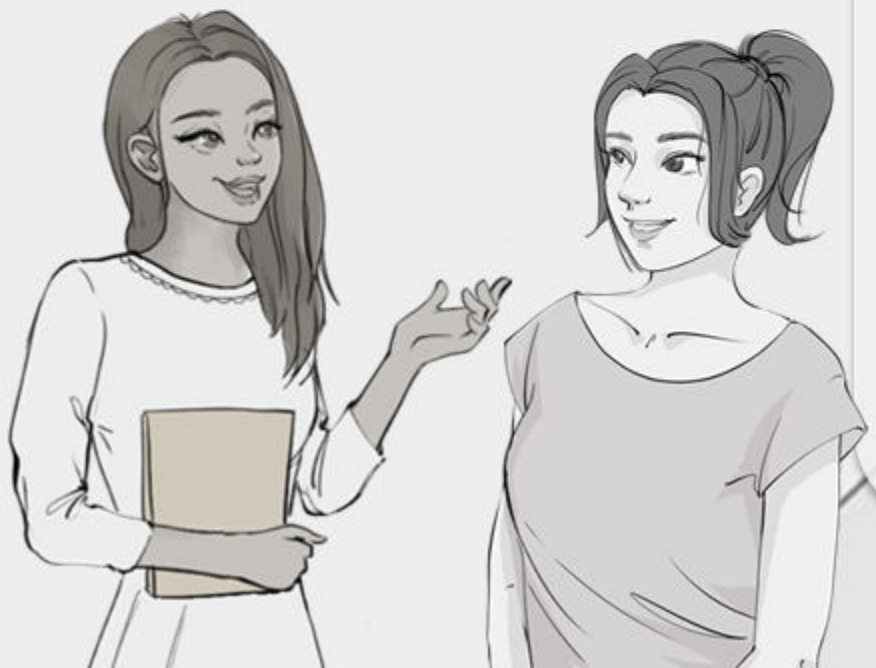
**Jerrica:** You are so diligent.

By the way, you should apply online. There's a special website.

**Aya:** Oh, I know that website, but **I wasn't able to access it yesterday.**

**Jerrica:** Don't worry. I can help you.

**Aya:** It's very nice of you. Let's go and fetch my laptop.



Learn the grammar structures.

## What + noun + can

“What” functions as an adjective modifying the noun that follows, thus making the question more specific.

### What + noun + can ...?

#### Statement

#### Question

Anna can play volleyball.

What sport can Anna play?

She can speak Thai and Spanish.

What languages can she speak?

He can play the trumpet.

What musical instrument can he play?

Give more example questions using **what + noun + can**.

### Offer

*It is used to help someone or to do something for someone.*

- Subject + Auxiliary Verb Can + Main Verb ...

Don't worry. I can help you.

I can check the school website for you.





Learn the grammar structures.

## Could

general ability

## Be able to

ability on one occasion

- **Could** and **Be able to** are used to express ability.

### Present: can

e.g. We can speak English.

### Past: could

e.g. She could paint well before.

✗ Future: (no future form)

### Present: am/is/are able to

e.g. We are able to complete the task.

### Past: was/were able to

e.g. She was able to steal the purse.

### Future: will be able to

e.g. You will be able to drive soon.



Tick (✓) the box if it is an Ability, Offer or Request.

	Ability	Offer	Request
1. <i>Can I borrow a pen, please?</i>			
2. <i>I can give you a lift to the café.</i>			
3. <i>Can you carry this for me, please?</i>			
4. <i>I can't lift the table.</i>			
5. <i>I can do that for you if you like.</i>			
6. <i>I can speak Spanish well.</i>			
7. <i>Can I help you?</i>			
8. <i>Can they come at 10 o'clock?</i>			



 Complete the sentences with **COULD** or **BE ABLE TO**

1. He tried very hard but he  win the championship.
2. Mozart  compose little pieces of music even when he was young.
3. We wanted to watch her concert but we  get tickets.
4. The firefighters  to save the child from the burning house.
5. It is too hot. I  sleep very well these past few days.
6. Jane  see very well when she was young but now she wears glasses.
7. All the students  pass the final examination.



**Situation:** You and your classmate are talking about the new exchange student in your class. Ask your classmate if she can speak Japanese and what languages can she speak?

Use the following expressions:

- What + noun + can ... ?
- Could vs. Be able to



Read what we learned today.



### Word Focus

- Portuguese      French      Italian
- Spanish      Persian      Thai

### Grammar Focus

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- ■ What + noun + can ...?
- ■ Could vs. Be able to