

# Course: Beginner

## Level 1

Day №13

*Abilities*

# 1. Match the verbs and the phrases in the box with the pictures:

cook • swim • dance • sing • drive • play the piano •



## 2. Grammar: CAN/CAN'T

**Can** is a modal verb. The negative form of **can** is **cannot**, but we usually use the short form **can't**. We use **can** and **can't** to talk about ability. We use **can** to talk about things we are able to do and **can't** about things we are not able to do.

We use modal verbs before other verbs:

I		
You		
He	can	sing
She	can't (cannot)	swim
It		play the piano
We		speak English
You		dance
They		write computer programs

Modal verbs do not change their form after *he*, *she* or *it*.

**I can dance but I can't sing. He can play the piano. She can't swim.**

We use **can+you+infinitive** to make requests – when we want someone else to do something:

**Can you take a message?**

### 3.1 Read the text. Underline all examples of can in the text:

Can people really talk to animals? Kevin Richardson can. Well, perhaps he can't talk to them, but he can understand them. Kevin lives and works in South Africa.

He makes TV films about lions and other animals. He can look into their eyes and kiss them on the nose. How does he do it?

“Love and trust”- Kevin says.



**Are these sentences true (T), false (F) or not given (NG)?**

Kevin lives in Europe.

He sometimes kisses lions.

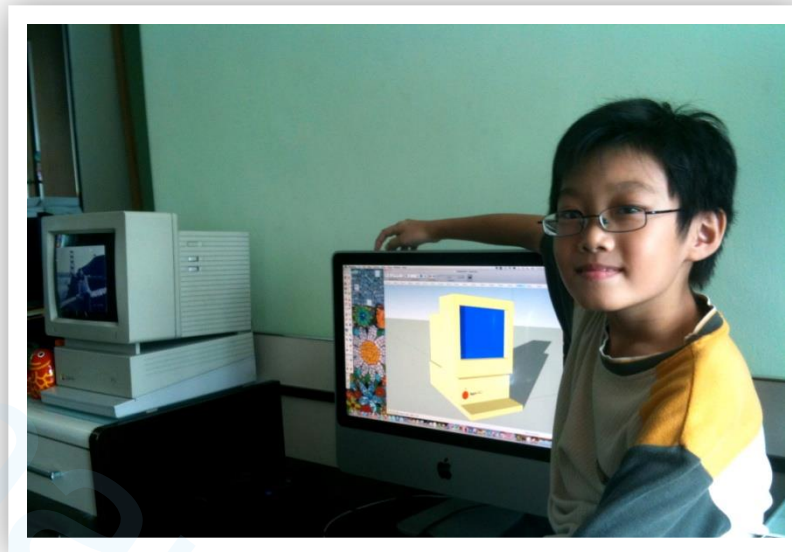
### 3.2 Read the text. Underline all examples of can in the text :

Can you use a computer?

Lim Ding Wen can and he can write computer programs. He's the world's youngest iPhone developer. He's eleven years old and he lives in Singapore. He writes programs for computers and mobile phones.

What does Ding Wen's father say?

"It's easy. Everyone can do it".



**Are these sentences true (T), false (F) or not given (NG)?**

Ding Wen's father writes computer programs, too.

Ding Wen lives in Singapore.

**Who do you want to meet, Kevin or Ding Wen? Give a reason.**

**Example:** *I want to meet Kevin. I want to talk to him about his life.*

#### 4. Grammar: CAN/CAN'T

Notice the pronunciation of can/can't ['kæn]  
[kɑ:nt]/[kænt](brit/amer)

Complete the active grammar boxes with **can/can't**:

+	Kevin can talk to lions.
-	They _____ speak Chinese.

?	_____ you write computer programs?
	-Yes, I _____.
	- No, I _____.
	What languages _____ you speak?

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## 5. Practice conversation with your teacher:

1. Answer the questions using these verbs and phrases:

cook • swim • dance • sing • drive • play the piano •

1. What do you like doing?
2. What do you never do?
3. What do you want to learn to do?

*I like cooking. I never play the piano. I want to learn to sing.*

2. 1 Ask your teacher questions with *Can you...?*

*A: Can you cook?*

*B: Yes, I can.*

2. 2 Answer your teacher's questions with *Can you...?*



***Thank you for  
today!***

***We're looking forward to  
seeing you again!***