

UNIT 1

Section A

Can you play the guitar?

Language Goal: Talk about abilities

1a

What can these people do? Match the activities with the people.

1. sing e
2. swim g
3. dance f
4. draw b
5. play chess c
6. speak English a
7. play the guitar d



1b

Listen and number the conversations [1-3].

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A: Can you swim?

B: No, I can't.

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A: I want to join the art club.

B: Can you draw?

A: Yes, I can.

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A: I want to join the music club.

B: Oh, can you sing?

A: Yes, I can.

1c

Practice the conversations above with your partner. Then make your own conversations.

2a Listen to these two conversations and circle the clubs you hear.

- a. English club
- b. art club
- c. music club
- d. chess club
- e. swimming club



2b Listen again. Complete the sentences.

1. Lisa wants to join the _____ club, but she can't play _____.
2. Bob wants to join the _____ club. He likes to speak _____.
3. Mary likes music. She can _____ and _____. Bob likes music, too. They want to join the _____ club.

2c Look at 2b and talk about what the people can do and the clubs they want to join.



2d Role-play the conversation.

- Jane: Hi, Bob. What club do you want to join?
 Bob: I want to join a sports club.
 Jane: Great! What sports can you play?
 Bob: Soccer.
 Jane: So you can join the soccer club.
 Bob: What about you? You're very good at telling stories. You can join the story telling club.
 Jane: Sounds good. But I like to draw, too.
 Bob: Then join two clubs, the story telling club and the art club!
 Jane: OK, let's join now!



**Grammar
Focus**

can't = cannot

Can you swim?	Yes, I can./No, I can't.
Can he play chess?	Yes, he can./No, he can't.
Can you and Tom play chess?	Yes, we can./No, we can't.
Can Jane and Jill swim?	Yes, they can./No, they can't.
What can you do?	I can dance./I can't sing.
What club do you want to join?	We want to join the chess club.

3a Write questions and answers with the words and phrases.

- Wu Jun/speak English/speak Chinese
Can Wu Jun speak English? No, he can't, but he can speak Chinese.
- Mike/play basketball/play tennis

- Jane and Jill/dance/sing

- Grace/play soccer/play volleyball

- Bill/write stories/tell stories

3b Complete the poster with the words in the box.

play
sing
tell
dance

Students Wanted for School Show
We want students for the school show. Can you _____ or
_____? Can you _____ the guitar? Can you _____
stories? Please talk to Mr. Zhang after school.



3c What can your group do in the school show? Make a list.

School Show
Sunday 6:00 p.m.
in the music room.
What can you do?
Come and show us!

Name	What can you do?
Li Xin	do kung fu

What can you
do, Li Xin?

I can do
kung fu.

Section B

1a Draw lines to match the words with the pictures.



drums _____



piano _____

guitar _____

violin _____



1b Listen and number the words [1–4] in the order of the sounds you hear in 1a.

1c Ask and answer questions about the instruments.



1d Listen and circle the words and phrases you hear.



play the violin
play the guitar
play the drums
play the piano

sing
dance
draw
tell stories

1e Listen again. Fill in the chart with the words and phrases in 1d.

	Can	Can't
Bill		sing
Cindy		
Frank		

1f Talk about what Bill, Cindy and Frank can and can't do.



- 2a** Read the three descriptions about Peter, Alan and Ma Huan. Underline what they can do.



Hello, I'm Peter.
I like to play basketball. I can speak English and I can also play soccer.

Hi, I'm Ma Huan.
I can play ping-pong and chess.
I like to talk and play games with people.



My name's Alan. I'm in the school music club. I can play the guitar and the piano. I can sing and dance, too.

- 2b** Read the ads. Match the titles with the ads.

- A. Help for Old People
- B. Music Teacher Wanted
- C. Help with Sports in English

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Are you busy after school? No? Can you speak English? Yes? Then we need you to help with sports for English-speaking students. It is relaxing and easy! Please come to the Students' Sports Center. Call Mr. Brown at 293-7742.

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We need help at the old people's home. Are you free in July? Are you good with old people? Can you talk to them and play games with them? They can tell you stories, and you can make friends. It is interesting and fun! Please call us at 689-7729 today!

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Can you play the piano or the violin? Do you have time on the weekend? The school needs help to teach music. It is not difficult! Please call Mrs. Miller at 555-3721.

- 2c** Match each person in 2a with an ad in 2b. Write A, B and C.

Peter _____

Alan _____

Ma Huan _____

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3a Complete the ad with the words in the box.

guitar
can
call
dance
music
play

Musicians Wanted for School Music Festival



Do you like _____?
Can you sing and _____?
Can you _____ the piano or the violin?
Can you play the _____ or the drums?
Then you _____ be in our school music festival.
Please _____ Mr. Zhang at 622-6033.

3b Make a poster. Ask for help with an event at your school.

Self Check

1 Add more words and phrases in each box.

Abilities

Music and arts	Languages	Sports	Other abilities
play the violin	speak English	swim	tell stories

2 Add as many words as you can to make phrases.

1. play the drums, _____
2. speak English, _____
3. help with math, _____
4. be good at telling stories, _____
5. be good with old people, _____

3 What can you do? What can't you do? What about the people you know? Write at least five sentences.
