

# Grammar reference

## Unit 3

### can for ability and permission

+	I/You/He/She/It/We/They	can	sing.
-	I/You/He/She/It/We/They	can't	

?	Can	I/you/she/it/we/they	sing?
+	Yes,	I/you/he/she/it/we/they	can.
-	No,	I/you/he/she/it/we/they	can't.

- We use **can** to express ability and permission.  
*He can play tennis. (ability)*  
*Dad says we can't go to the party. (permission)*
- Can** is the same in all forms.  
*I can speak Chinese.*  
*She can speak Chinese.*
- We use **infinitive** without **to** after **can**.  
*They can sing.*
- We don't use **do/does** when we make questions with **can**.  
*Can you use your mobile phone at school?*

### 1 Write affirmative (✓) and negative (x) sentences with **can**.

- Jamie / run fast. (✓)  
*Jamie can run fast.*
- My granddad / use a mobile phone. (✓)
- They / skateboard. (x)
- You / stay out late tonight. (x)
- I / ski. (x)
- She / play the piano. (✓)

### 2 Write questions and short answers for the sentences in Exercise 1.

*Can Jamie run fast? Yes, he can. / No, he can't.*

### 3 Write sentences with **can** about you and your friends and family. Use the prompts to help.

- play the guitar / piano  
*I can play the guitar. I can't play the piano, but my uncle can.*
- swim / dance / ride a bike / ride a horse
- speak French / Russian / Chinese / Spanish
- drive a car / drive a lorry / fly a plane

### love, (don't) like, don't mind, hate + -ing

- We use the **-ing** form of the verb after **love**, **(don't) like** and **hate**.  
*She loves playing with her little sister.*  
*I don't mind doing homework.*

### 4 Complete the sentences with the **-ing** form of the verbs in the box.

do walk go paint sing watch play learn

- He loves .... to school.
- I don't like .... homework.
- Karen loves .... DVDs.
- We like .... English.
- They don't like .... pictures.
- He doesn't mind .... with the baby.
- My brother hates ....
- They don't mind .... to school.

### Object pronouns

subject pronoun	I	you	he	she	it	we	you	they
object pronoun	me	you	him	her	it	us	you	them

- We can use object pronouns to replace nouns that follow verbs.  
*I love Maths lessons. → I love them.*  
*I don't like cooking. → I don't like it.*

### 5 Complete the sentences with the correct object pronoun.

- Our teacher always tells **us** to sit down.
- It's a great film. Watch .... !
- She's got exams. She needs to study for ....
- Brad goes to Art classes. I can go with ....
- Katia knows the answer. I can email .... tomorrow.
- My best friend always tells .... her secrets.