

CAN YOU DO THIS?

Preview

A **2-01** Listen. Check (✓) the things they can do well.



B Listen. Write the names in the box under what they can do in A.

Jennifer

Christina

Lucas

C Talk with a partner. What can you do?

Can you ride a horse?

Yes, I can.

A young girl riding a horse



A full-page photograph of a climber on a rock face in Ha Long Bay, Vietnam. The climber is positioned on the right side of the frame, clinging to a vertical rock surface. The background shows a vast expanse of blue water with several large, jagged limestone karsts rising from the sea. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. A semi-transparent geometric graphic is overlaid on the top left of the image.

UNIT GOALS

By the end of this unit, you will be able to:

- talk about abilities
- use conjunctions and compound sentences
- pronounce *can* and *can't*

A climber at Hạ Long Bay, Việt Nam

Language Focus

REAL ENGLISH Sure!

A **12-02** Listen and read. Then repeat the conversation and replace the words in **blue**.

B Practice with a partner. Replace any words to make your own conversation.



12-03

TALKING ABOUT ABILITIES—COMPOUND SENTENCES (P. 168)

Dave **can** ski, **and** Sherry **can** surf.
Sherry **can** skateboard, **but** she **can't** sing.

Can you swim?	Yes, I can . / No, I can't .
What can parrots do?	They can sing, but they can't play the piano.
Can he play baseball?	No, he can't , but he can play golf.
Can they play an instrument?	Yes, they can , and they can sing, too.

can't = cannot

C **2-04** Complete the conversation. Write *can* or *can't*. Listen and check your answers.

Nadine: Hey Stig, look at this! It's a painting by Phong the elephant. Phong is from Thailand.

Stig: Wow! (1) _____ elephants paint?

Nadine: Not usually, but Phong (2) _____. Phong (3) _____ play music, too.

Stig: Amazing! What other things (4) _____ Phong do? (5) _____ he dance?

Nadine: No, he (6) _____ dance, and he (7) _____ skateboard either. He's an elephant!



D Check (✓) the things you can do. Then ask a partner.

CAN YOU _____?	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
 dance		
 do a handstand		
 skateboard		
 play the drums		
 ride a bike		

E Play a true-lie game. Describe yourself to a partner. **Student A:** Say two true sentences and one lie. **Student B:** Guess the lie. Take turns.

I can paint. I can sing. I can speak Swahili.

Number 3 is a lie! You can't speak Swahili!

Wrong! I can speak Swahili, but I can't sing.

Superhumans!

Superhumans are people who have real-life super powers! Look at the people on this page. These people can do amazing things!



Daniel Kish

A Look at the photos. What do you think these people can do? Choose the correct answers.

1. Daniel Kish can ride a bicycle **(without seeing / as fast as a motorbike)**.
2. Isao Machii can **(do magic tricks with fruit / cut fruit with his sword)**.
3. Kevin Richardson can **(teach lions circus tricks / live with dangerous animals)**.

B **12-05** Listen. Circle T for True or F for False.

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| 1. Daniel Kish can swim. | T | F |
| 2. Kish was in a TV show. | T | F |
| 3. Isao Machii can cut a tennis ball traveling as fast as a plane. | T | F |
| 4. Kevin Richardson is also called the "Lion Talker." | T | F |

Discussion. Which superhuman power do you want to have? Why?



Isao Machii



Kevin Richardson

Pronunciation

Can and can't

A 12-06 Listen and repeat.

1. can, I can sing. 2. can't, I can't play the piano.

B 12-07 Listen. Do you hear *can* or *can't*? Circle the correct words.

1. can can't 2. can can't 3. can can't
4. can can't 5. can can't 6. can can't

C Work with a partner. Take turns to read these sentences.

1. I can paint. 4. He can't speak Vietnamese.
2. I can't sing. 5. She can speak French.
3. I can surf. 6. They can't play tennis.

DO YOU KNOW?



A *free diver* is someone who can dive without _____.

- a. friends
b. breathing equipment
c. paying

Communication

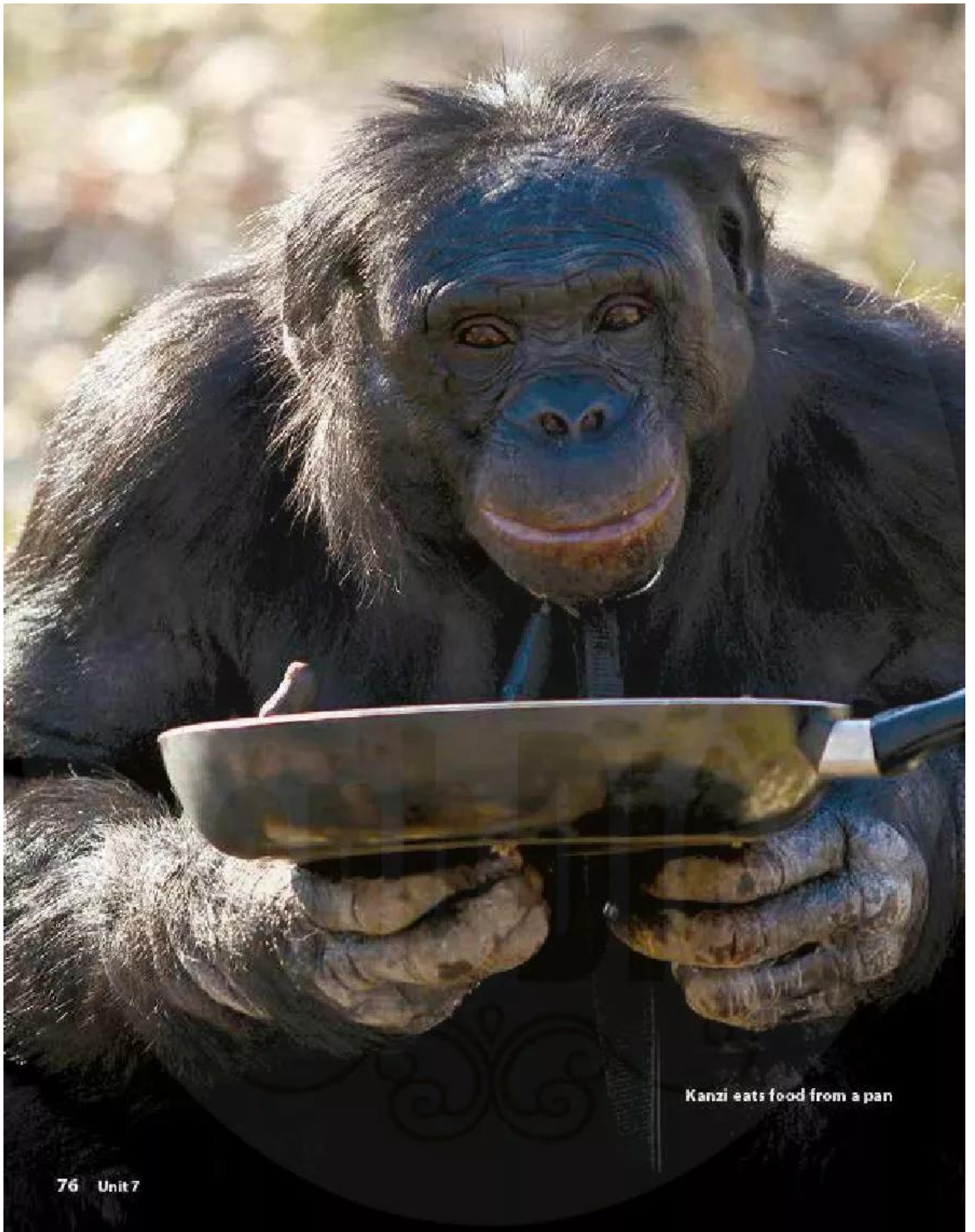
Interview your classmates. Find out what they can or can't do.

Name: _____

1. Sing a song in English.
2. Name five English-speaking countries.
3. Count backwards from 20 to 0 in 20 seconds.
4. Say your phone number forwards and backwards.
5. Say the months of the year in ten seconds.
6. Roll your tongue.
7. _____.
8. _____.

Can you roll your tongue?

Yes, I can.



Kanzi eats food from a pan



Reading

- A** Read the article quickly. What's special about Kanzi?
- a. He can write.
 - b. He can speak English.
 - c. He can communicate with humans.
- B** Circle all the things Kanzi can do.
- C** Read again. Where does Kanzi live?

ANIMAL SMARTS

This is Kanzi, a bonobo chimpanzee. Bonobo chimpanzees are from Africa. There are only about 10,000 to 50,000 bonobos in the world today.

Kanzi lives in a zoo in the United States. He is very smart. He can communicate with humans.

Kanzi can understand about 3,000 English words. He can't speak, but he can use the computer to say about 500 words. He points to pictures on a computer to say these words. He uses between 30 and 40 words every day.

Kanzi can also make a fire and cook marshmallows. He knows that fires are hot. Kanzi can't sing, but he can play the piano. Kanzi teaches his son Teco. Now Teco can use a computer, just like Kanzi.

EX 2-08 OPTIONAL AUDIO

Comprehension

A Choose the correct answers for *Animal Smarts*.

- Main Idea** What is the article about?
a. a smart animal b. bonobo chimpanzees c. a zoo in the United States
- Detail** Where are bonobo chimpanzees from?
a. Africa b. Europe c. Asia
- Vocabulary** The word "understand" means _____. (line 6)
a. say b. use c. know the meaning of
- Inference** How does Kanzi communicate what he wants?
a. by pointing to pictures b. by writing words c. by making sounds
- Detail** According to the article, Kanzi's son Teco can _____.
a. make a fire b. use a computer c. play the piano

B Complete the chart. According to the article, what can Kanzi do? What can't Kanzi do?

Kanzi can ...	Kanzi can't ...

C CRITICAL THINKING Talk with a partner. What would you teach your pet to do?

Writing

Write a short report about someone you know. Describe what they can and can't do in 40–60 words.

My friend Lucy is friendly and very smart.
She can't sing, but she can play the piano.
She can surf, but she can't do a handstand.
She can paint, and she can also draw well.
Sometimes she draws pictures of me!

OPTIONAL

VIDEO

Contact Juggling

ABOUT THE VIDEO

Okotanpe, a street juggler, shows us how well he can juggle.

BEFORE YOU WATCH

Circle the correct answer. Contact jugglers can _____.

- a. roll balls on their bodies
- b. play the piano and juggle
- c. cut balls with their fingers

WHILE YOU WATCH

A Check your answer to the Before You Watch question.

B Watch the video again. Circle T for True or F for False.

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| 1. Okotanpe works in Seoul, Korea. | T | F |
| 2. Contact jugglers use balls made of glass. | T | F |
| 3. The balls look like soap bubbles. | T | F |
| 4. Contact juggling is very easy. | T | F |
| 5. Okotanpe practices for several hours a day. | T | F |
| 6. Okotanpe can also dance and do magic tricks. | T | F |

AFTER YOU WATCH

Talk with a partner. What facts about contact juggling are interesting? Do you think contact juggling is fun?

A juggler practices contact juggling