

Can - Abilities

A man and a woman talk about their language skills.

Beginner English - Sound Grammar

A1 Lesson 19 Conversation 2



Part 1: Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

1	How many other languages can she speak?	2	Can she write in Japanese?	3	What language can he read in?
a	Two	a	Very well	a	Thai
b	Three	b	A little bit	b	Chinese
c	Only one	c	Not at all	c	Japanese

Part 2: Complete the blanks with the missing word. Use the first as a clue

Man: What languages can you speak?	1	your / you
Woman: I can speak Japanese ____ French.	2	and / in
Man: Wow! Can you ____ in Japanese?	3	writes / write
Woman: I can write ____ little bit, but not that much.	4	the / a
Man: Yeah. I hear Kanji is ____ difficult.	5	really / rarely
Woman: Yeah. It's really difficult. ____ about you? What languages ____ you speak?	6	What / When
Man: I can speak ____ Spanish, but not great.	7	can / can't
I can also speak ____ .	8	some / the
Woman: Wow! Can you write ____ Thai?	9	Thai / Thailand
Man: No, ____ I can read it. Writing is really difficult.	10	in / on
Woman: Still, that's pretty ____ !	11	or / but
	12	cool / hot


Part 3: Match the questions with the answers.

1	What languages can you speak?	Yes, I know some really funny jokes
2	Can you read a book in English?	Yes, I read all the time
3	Can you write a letter in English?	No, I'm terrible at singing!
4	Can you sing any English songs?	I can speak English and Spanish
5	Can you tell a joke in English?	Yes, I usually write to my friends

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Answer Key

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