

4 Well or good?

1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a Does he speak English good?
- b Does he speak English well?
- 2 a Has he got a good accent in English?
- b Has he got a well accent in English?

Well is usually an adverb and *good* is an adjective.

✓ *Sue played very well and her team won the match.*

✓ *Sue's team played a very good match.*

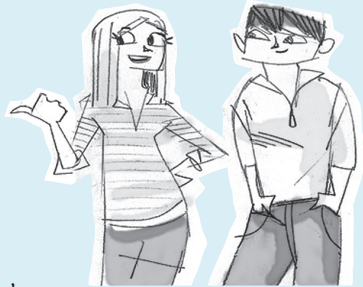
When *well* is an adjective it means **fit** or **healthy**.

✓ *He recovered from his illness very quickly and is well again now.*

2 Correct the mistake below.



She plays the piano really good.



'She plays the piano really '

3 Are these sentences right or wrong? Correct those which are wrong.

- 1 She was sick last week, but today she is good again. She was sick last week, but today she is well again.
- 2 He can drive, but not very well. _____
- 3 Do you know this book? It's a really good story! _____
- 4 Rose is very well at Maths. _____
- 5 If you don't pronounce words good, nobody will understand you. _____
- 6 The experiment didn't work very well and the results weren't good. _____
- 7 We had a very well time last night. _____
- 8 This CD isn't as good as I thought it would be. _____

5 Can, could or be able to for ability

1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I'll be able to send the parcel tomorrow.
b I will can send the parcel tomorrow.
2 a She can to sing opera.
b She can sing opera.

We use *can* and *could* to refer to present and past ability. We use *to be able to* for all other tenses.

- ✓ Liz **can** play tennis very well.
✓ **Could** you ride a bike when you were three?
✓ I think I'll **be able to** finish before one o'clock.

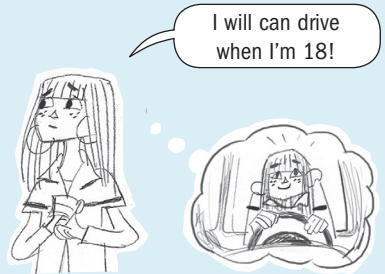
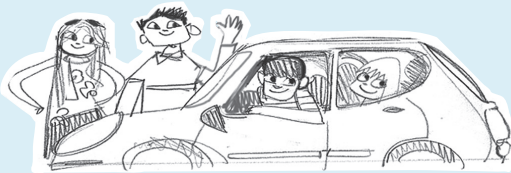
We never use *can* + infinitive with *to*.

- ✓ Jenny **can** speak five different languages.
X Jenny can ~~to~~ speak five different languages.

Can is not an infinitive.

- ✓ I will **be able to** go tomorrow.
X I will ~~can~~ go tomorrow.

2 Correct the mistake below.



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3 Correct the underlined words if necessary.

- 1 I'm not sure whether I'll can come to your party on Saturday. be able to
2 My English teacher can speak five languages. _____
3 They won't be able to get to the station on time. _____
4 I will can buy a new bike when I've saved enough money. _____
5 'Can your grandfather use the internet?' 'No, but my grandmother can!' _____
6 He can balance a book on his head and walk ten paces. _____
7 When I go to Vienna next year, I could visit my sister. _____
8 My friend, Steve, can to sing brilliantly. _____

6 Verb + preposition

1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a How much money do you normally spend in clothes?
b How much money do you normally spend on clothes?
- 2 a You can depend on the bus service here. It's very punctual.
b You can depend of the bus service here. It's very punctual.

We use *on* after the verbs *depend*, *insist*, *rely*, *spend* and *concentrate*.

✓ *Be careful! You must concentrate on what you're doing.*

✗ *Be careful! You must concentrate ~~in~~ what you're doing.*

We use *in* after the verbs *believe*, *specialise* and *succeed*.

✓ *He's planning to specialise in ICT.*

✗ *He's planning to specialise ~~on~~ ICT.*

We use *of* after the verbs *consist*, *die* and *think*.

✓ *The recipe consists of butter, sugar, cream and flour.*

✗ *The recipe consists ~~in~~ butter, sugar, cream and flour.*

2 Correct the mistake below.



'I've spent all my money'

3 Underline the correct words.

- 1 She succeeded *of* / *in* convincing me she was right.
2 I know you'll do well. I believe *of* / *in* you!
3 I'm not sure I can rely *on* / *in* him.
4 Can I depend *on* / *of* your support?
5 After seeing my results, Dad insisted *on* / *of* talking to my teacher.
6 I'm thinking *of* / *in* studying Maths at university.
7 He died *of* / *on* natural causes.
8 I can't concentrate *on* / *in* this with all that noise!

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TEST 2

1 Replace the underlined word if necessary.

- 1 You're an artist! This painting is really good. _____
- 2 He's got a very good voice. He can sing very good. _____
- 3 My marks aren't as good as the ones I got last term. _____
- 4 Thomas is doing very good at school. _____
- 5 She was in hospital for a while, but now she's home and is well again.

- 6 If you don't do your homework good, the teacher will get angry.

- 7 'How are you doing?' 'Very well, thanks.' _____
- 8 They had a very well time on holiday last month. _____

2 Underline the correct word. In some sentences both forms are correct.

- 1 My girlfriend *is able to / can* paint very well.
- 2 Alejandro would like to *be able to / can* buy a new car.
- 3 My elder brother won't *be able to / can* take part in the race.
- 4 Now that you have done your homework, you *could / can* watch TV.
- 5 I *couldn't / wasn't able to* hear very well at the theatre – it was a shame because I missed most of the play!
- 6 *Are you able to / Can you* ride a horse?
- 7 I'm *able to / can to* walk for ten hours if necessary.
- 8 Nobody *is able to / can* help her.

3 Complete the sentences with *on, in or of*.

- 1 The book consists _____ seven chapters.
- 2 Sharon believes _____ life on remote planets.
- 3 Alfonso insisted _____ going skateboarding.
- 4 My friend's grandfather died _____ natural causes.
- 5 I'm thinking _____ moving to a small village but it's a difficult decision.
- 6 She finally succeeded _____ making everyone laugh!
- 7 I don't know if we'll go to the beach this weekend or not, it really depends _____ the weather.
- 8 It's very important that you concentrate _____ what you are doing.

4 **Circle** the correct word in the text below.

My little cousin is incredibly clever; he's only six years old and he ¹ *can / can to* play the piano very ² *good / well*. His parents are thinking ³ *in / of* sending him to a good music school but he insists ⁴ *in / on* studying at home. He says he ⁵ *can / is able* study at home and do ⁶ *good / well* with the help of a private teacher. He has got a ⁷ *good / well* memory and plays by heart without ever having to rely ⁸ *in / on* the score.

5 **Are these sentences right or wrong? Correct those which are wrong.**

- 1 Liverpool played really good last night and won 3-0! _____
- 2 My father says I am not able to go out because I am grounded.

- 3 I don't believe in ghosts or zombies, but even though I don't believe in them, you'll never catch me watching a horror film! _____
- 4 Mum, am I able to leave the table now? I've finished my lunch.

- 5 You really must stop spending all your money in cheap clothes, they only last a short time and then they fall apart. _____
- 6 Adela is very good at playing chess. _____
- 7 The food in that restaurant is delicious – they specialise on seafood.

- 8 'How are you?' 'Fine thanks, I had a cold last week but I am feeling perfectly well again now.' _____