

## Chapter 1

# I can Speak Five Languages



# In this chapter, we will learn:

- identify and use expressions to ask about ability to do something;
- identify and use expressions to state ability and inability to do something;
- identify and use expressions to ask about willingness to do something;
- identify and use expressions to state willingness and unwillingness to do something;
- act out a dialogue expressing ability and willingness to do something.



# Ability

When talking to someone, we sometimes talk about our or others' ability. Ability is something that people can do.



Listen to and then act out the following dialogue.

Ery : My uncle, Anton, is a very skilful person.

Nita : Really?

Ery : Yes. He **can** do many things.

Nita : Interesting. **Can** he drive?

Ery : Yes. He **can** drive. He is a good singer and dancer. And he **can** speak ten languages.

Nita : Wow!

Ery : He **can** even sew.



## Study the following pattern:

Positive	
I	can play chess
She	
He	
It	
You	
We	
they	

**Subject + can + infinitive**

Negative	
I	can't play chess
She	
He	
It	
You	
We	
they	

**Subject + can't/cannot +  
infinitive**



## Study the following pattern:

Question		
Can	I She He It You We they	play chess?

Short answers		
Yes, No,	I She He It You We they	can. can't.

**Can + subject + infinitive**

**Yes, + subject + can**

**No, + subject + can't (or cannot)**



# Willingness

To ask for someone's help, we should ask for their willingness whether they want to help us or not.



## Practise the dialogue with your friend.

Nate : Hi, Alice. Can you help me?

Alice : Sure.

Nate : **Will you bring some of these books for me?**

Alice : OK. Where are we going?

Nate : We are going to the classroom. Miss Portman asked me to distribute the books for the class.

Alice : OK. Let's do it.



## Study the following pattern:

Positive		
I	will 'ill	send it
She		
He		
It		
You		
We		
they		

Negative		
I	will not won't	do it
She		
He		
It		
You		
We		
they		

- The short form 'ill is often used to replace will
- The short form of will not is won't



## Study the following pattern:

Question		
Will	I She He It You We they	send it?

Short answers		
Yes, No,	I She He It You We they	will. will not / won't

