

can for ability
1 Complete the examples from the quiz on page 42. Then choose the correct answers in Rules 1–4.

 An eagle ¹ see a small animal from a great distance.

 Ostriches ² fly.

³ a scorpion kill a human? Yes, it

⁴ / No, it ⁵

⁶ elephants hear with their ears and their feet? Yes, they ⁷ / No, they

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RULES

- We use *can* / *can't* in affirmative sentences.
- We use *can* / *can't* in negative sentences.
- We use *do* and *does* / *can* and *can't* in questions and short answers.
- The *he* / *she* / *it* forms of *can* are different / the same.

2 Complete the dialogue with can and can't.

 Parrot I'm very intelligent. I ¹ can speak five languages.

 Snake ² you speak human languages?

 Parrot Yes, I ³ Can you speak many languages?

 Snake No, I ⁴ , but I ⁵ eat animals which are bigger than me.

Parrot Oh!


might
3 Look at the examples of sentences with might. Then choose the correct answers in the Rules.

 Be careful, it's a scorpion. It might be dangerous.
 We might see a bear in the national park.

RULES

 We use *might* when we know / don't know if something is true.
 The *he* / *she* / *it* forms of *might* are different / the same.

Questions with How ... ?
4 1.36 Complete the quiz questions with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

 far long tall ~~heavy~~ fast many

... is a new baby?

 How *heavy* is a *new* baby?

1 ... can the fastest person run?

2 ... countries are there in the world?

3 ... is an adult giraffe?

4 ... is an adult crocodile?

5 ... is the North Pole from the South Pole?

5 Look at the Key Phrases. Answer the questions in exercise 4 with the information in the box. Use the Key Phrases. Then compare with a partner.
KEY PHRASES
Estimating

 A new baby is usually **between** 2.5 and 4.5 kilos.

 Gorillas can grow to **around** 250 kilos.

 Camels can survive **about** six months without water.

 2.5 and 4.5 kilos 44 kilometres an hour
 5 and 6 metres 4 metres 195
 20,014 kilometres

 I think that a new baby is **between** 2.5 and 4.5 kilos.

6 USE IT! Ask and answer questions with How ... ?. Find people in the class with the same answers as yours.

How far can you swim?

I can swim about 100 metres.

 How far ... ? How tall ... ?
 How fast ... ? How many ... ?

Finished?

Invent more questions for the quiz in exercise 4.