

Unit 7

Jobs

Match the following words to their pictures:

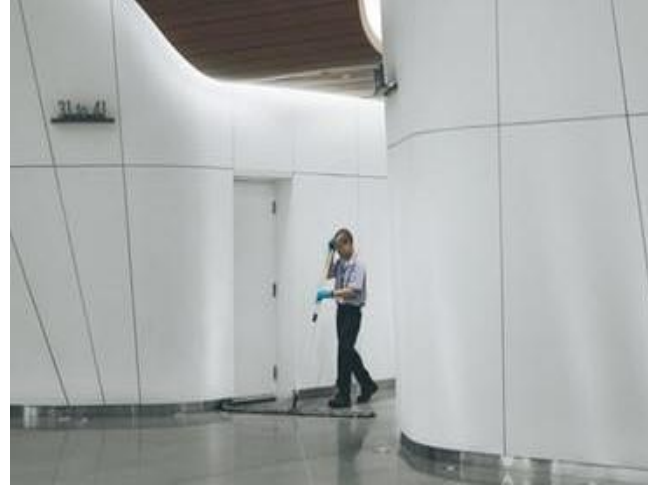
Scientist Nurse/Doctor Taxi Driver Waiter/Waitress Florist Janitor Policeman

Photographer Teacher Pilot Artist Clerk/Cashier Bartender Professional Athlete

Builder/Construction Worker Mechanic Farmer

Reporter Fisherman Businessman









To express ability in English, we put the word CAN before the verb.

I can swim. I can ride a bike



For something that we don't know how to do, we put CAN'T or CANNOT before the verb



I can't swim. I can't do my homework.

Because “can” and “can’t” sounds similar, be sure to say the T strongly. This is a problem for native speakers, also, so don’t be shy if someone asks you to repeat yourself:

I can go.

Did you say “can” or “can’t”?

“Can”

I can’t trade.

Did you say “can” or “can’t”?

“Cannot”

Often the speaker will offer more information why he can’t do something:

“I can’t go. I’m busy”

“I can’t visit there. I have no money.”

Choose CAN or CAN'T plus one of these verbs for each picture

swim ride drive eat speak play fix go



He _____ guitar.

He loves making music.



He _____ the bicycle.

He doesn't have the tools.



He _____ the food.

It's too spicy.



They _____ bicycles.

They enjoy touring the city.



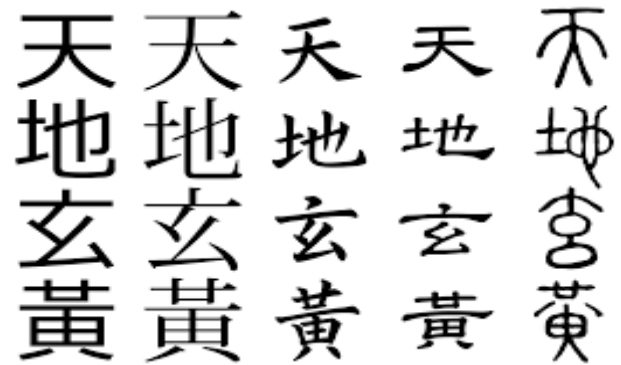
He _____ well.

He's been drinking beer all day.



He needs help!

He _____!



He _____ Chinese.

He studied it for many years.



We _____ on vacation.

We don't have money.

Now write two things you CAN do and two things you CAN'T do then discuss them with a partner

Read the following passages and answer the questions:



Mary is a nurse. She can help people when they are sick. She studied for many years to become a nurse. These days, she works a lot. She can't go out with friends often. When she goes out with friends, she can't enjoy herself because she worries about her patients. She has a kind heart. She can make a lot of money as a nurse, but she can't spend it because she is always working.

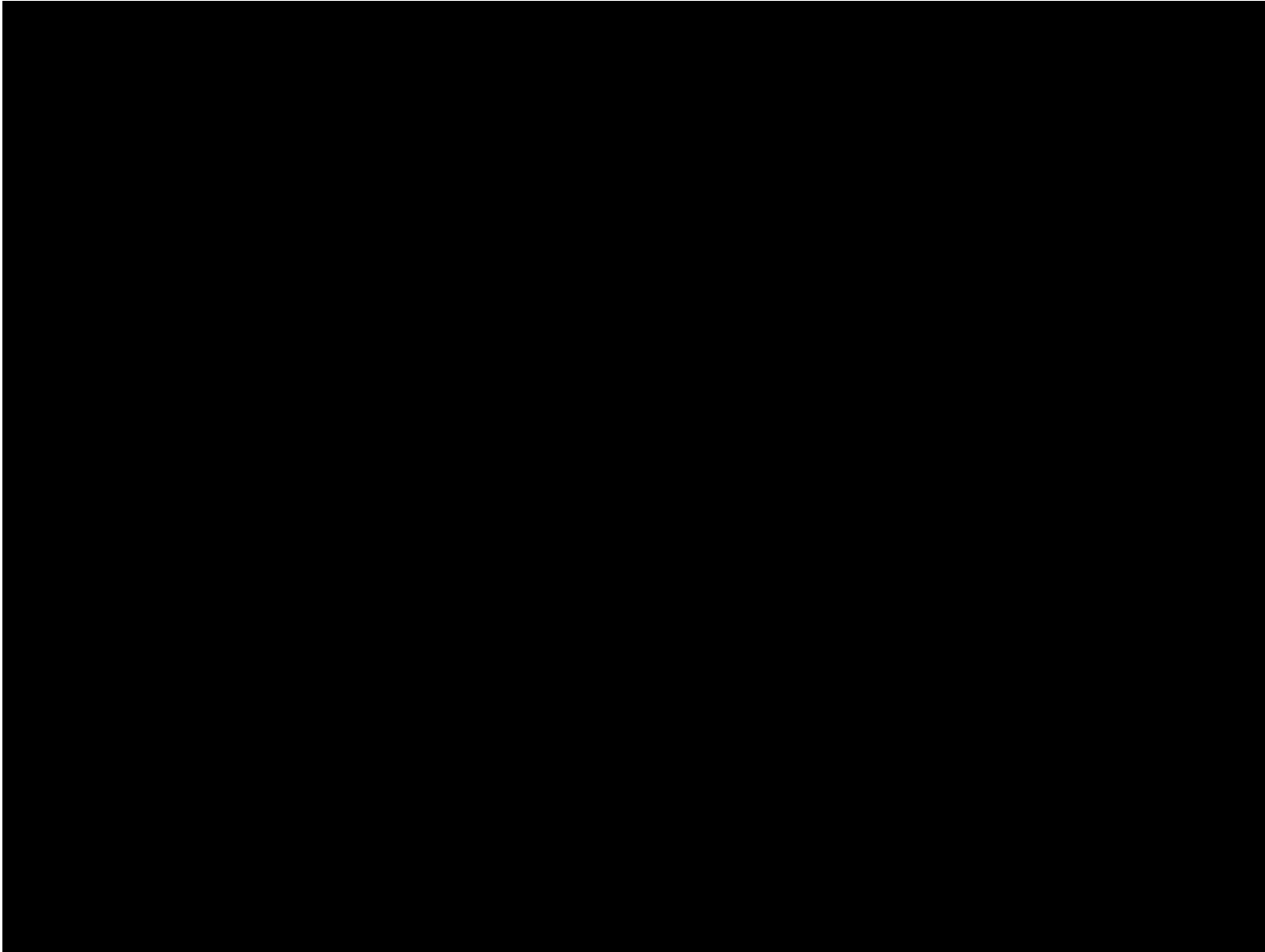
Do you think Mary enjoys being a nurse? Why or why not?

Tom is a repairman. He can fix anything. He started when he was a child. He liked to take his toys apart and put them back together again. These days, Tom is studying computer languages. He can program a little bit, but he can't do difficult things. He hopes to get a new job where can have more time for his family. Being a repairman means that he can't see his children often because he is always working.

Do you think Tom enjoys being a repairman? Why or why not?

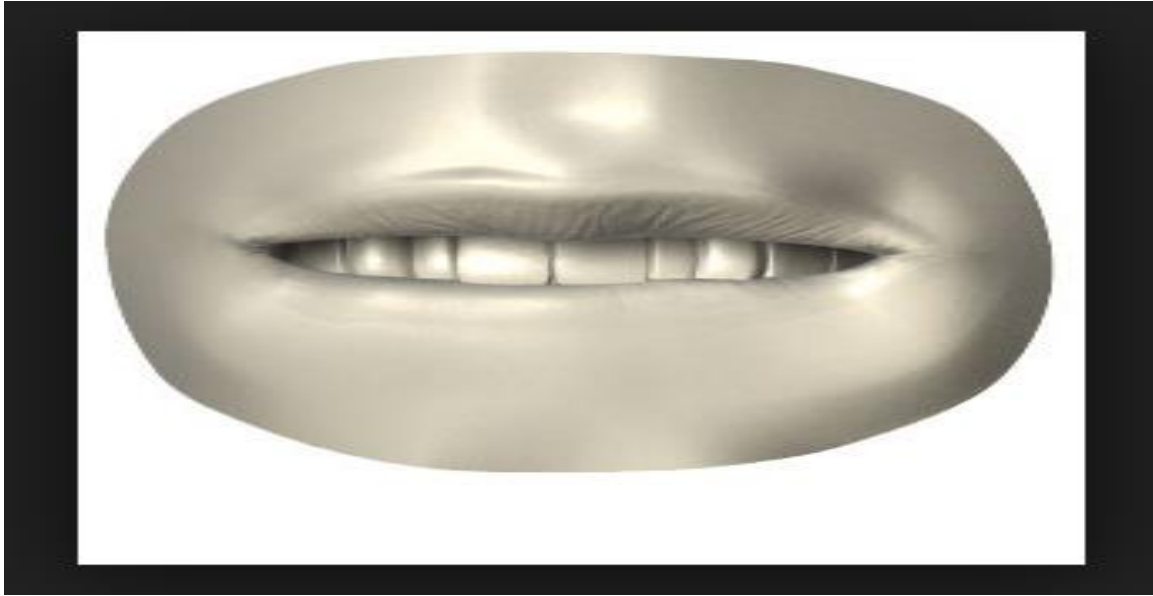


Watch the video and choose TRUE or FALSE for the following questions:



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| 1. The first pumpkin can run. | True/False |
| 2. The first pumpkin can fly. | True/False |
| 3. The second pumpkin can climb. | True/False |
| 4. The second pumpkin can catch. | True/False |
| 5. The third pumpkin can hit. | True/False |
| 6. The third pumpkin can fight. | True/False |
| 7. The fourth pumpkin can smile. | True/False |
| 8. The fourth pumpkin can't walk. | True/False |
| 9. The last pumpkin can't drink. | True/False |
| 10. The last pumpkin can eat a tree. | True/False |

The F sound in English is formed by putting your top teeth on your bottom lip. It is the same as when you make the V sound. The only difference is the V sound adds some vibration in your throat.



Practice saying these words:

Fable-sable

Fad-had

Fail-sail

Fat-hat

Fist-cyst

Farm-harm

Fin-sin

Fill-hill

Found-sound

Five-hive

Fort-sort

Feet-heat

Life-lice

Foam-home

Rife-rice

Funny-honey

Laugh-lass

Focus-hocus

Phone-hone

Cuff-cuss

Fit-hit

Left-lest

Lift-list

Refire-rehire

Referred-reheard

Discuss these questions in small groups:

1. What is something that you hope you can do someday? Why?
2. Can you speak another language? Which one do you want to learn?
3. Compare dogs and cats. What can each one do? What can't each one do?
4. What can your mother do that your father can't? What can your father do that your mother can't?
5. Can you play a musical instrument? Do you want to learn?
6. Can you draw or paint well?
7. Can you sing or dance well?
8. Is there something that you can't do that you want to do? What?

Homework

Please write the answers to the following questions:

What is your dream job? Do you want to be a doctor or a teacher? A police officer or a nurse?

What job would you like to have? You can include details about money, responsibilities, and what made you choose this job.