

## Activity Type

Reading, listening and speaking activity

## Focus

Modal verbs of ability

'Can you...?'

'Yes, I can'.

'No, I can't'.

## Aim

To play a game of bingo by finding classmates who have certain abilities.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this 'Can you...?' game, students play bingo by finding classmates who have certain abilities.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the bingo card. Tell the students to keep their bingo cards secret at all times.

Go through the language on the card and check the students understand each ability.

Students then go around the classroom asking 'Can you...?' questions in order to find classmates who have the abilities shown on the bingo card, e.g. 'Can you wiggle your ears?'

When a student finds someone who answers 'Yes, I can', the student asks the person to demonstrate their ability by performing the task.

If the person can demonstrate the ability, the student writes their name in the square on the bingo card and moves on to talk to another person.

The first student to get five names in a row, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally shouts 'bingo' and everyone stops.

The answers are then checked by asking the five students to perform their abilities to the class.

If they do this successfully, the student wins. If not, the game continues.

Afterwards, have the students continue the game by trying to complete the entire bingo card with names.

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|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| can wiggle their ears                                 | can name ten colours                   | can raise one eyebrow                     | can whistle the Happy Birthday song   | can name three countries in Africa |
| can draw an elephant                                  | can wink with their left and right eye | can name three countries in South America | can write a word with their left hand | can roll their tongue              |
| can say "red lorry yellow lorry" five times very fast | can name ten capital cities            | can make an origami bird                  | can do a hand stand                   | can do 20 push ups                 |
| can snap their fingers                                | can bark like a dog                    | can cross their eyes                      | can dance                             | can say the alphabet backwards     |
| can spell the teacher's last name                     | can hold their breath for 20 seconds   | can hop backwards on one foot             | can say "hello" in five languages     | can count backwards from 30        |