

Activity Type

Speaking Game: asking questions from prompts, answering questions, controlled practice

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.

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