

START IT!

3.1 Where do you learn?

You are on a boat. It's sunny. The water is nice. Does that sound good? Do you know? Some children go to school on a boat! They live in areas with no roads or electricity, like in Bangladesh. It is difficult to go to school here, so the school goes to the students! Every morning the school boat picks up the students, just like a school bus. There is room for about 30 students on the boat. The school has got desks and chairs, a black board and a computer. The students use the internet to chat online and watch interesting videos. After classes, the boat takes the students home. Schools on water are not unusual. This classroom is in Vietnam and this one is in Nigeria. But maybe you want to learn in the clouds? This school is in Ladakh, India, in the Himalayas at 3,500 metres above sea level. The school is in a cold desert area with little water. But it is very green at the school with a lot of trees and flowers. The school gets water from the snow and uses the sun to warm the classrooms. Does rain, sun or snow bother you? Then a school in a cave is the place for you. Like this one in a mountain in China. The weather is always the same in a school like this! The students' lessons are in the cave. They even do sports here. The cave is great for singing, too. The sounds are very clear. And with bats, lizards and other animals in the cave, who needs books to study them! A school is a place to learn. And anywhere we learn is a good place! So, where is your school?

LANGUAGE IN ACTION 1

3.2 Ask me anything

Hello! Today, I answer *your* questions.

First question:

Can you speak another language?

Yes, I can!

Can you guess the language?

Mandarin Chinese?

Yes! I can speak Mandarin Chinese!

OK. Two.

Are you good at PE?

Uhh, I'm not very good at PE. I mean, I can't play football very well. But I still like PE. I like to go outdoors.

Question three.

Can I become a vlogger like you?

Yes, you can! You can take classes online! And you can ask me for advice! So ...

Oops! I have to go. I can't be late for dinner!

Byyye!

Language in action

Can for ability and permission

Which language does the vlogger use? We use *can* to talk about ability and permission.

I **can** speak Mandarin Chinese.
You **can** ask me for advice.

We use the infinitive without *to* after *can*.
We use *can't* to form the negative.

I **can't** play football very well.
I **can't** be late for dinner!

Notice the word order for questions.

Can you speak another language?
Can I become a vlogger like you?

Use it!

Make sentences with *can/can't* and the verb.

He can do ballet well.

She can't use her phone in class.

Ask and answer the questions with *can/can't* and the verb.

Can she play well? No, she can't.

Can he sing well? Yes, he can.

LANGUAGE IN ACTION 2

3.3 School likes and dislikes

Hi. Do you like your school? I like mine.

I have PE in the morning. Some of my friends don't like having PE outdoors. I don't mind starting my day outside.

But my next class is far away. And I hate being late for it. So I have to run to get to class. I don't like running that much!

Science is my favourite class. The experiments are so interesting. All of us like doing them. And the library! (Oh!) I love it! I love reading books. Don't you?

That's all for today! Bye!

Language in action

Likes and dislikes

Which language does the vlogger use? We use *love* when we strongly like something.

I love reading books.

Like is less strong than *love*.

All of us like doing them.

We use *don't mind* when we think something is OK.

I don't mind starting my day outside.

We use *hate* when we strongly dislike something. *Don't like* is less strong than *hate*.

Some of my friends don't like having PE outdoors.
I hate being late for it.

Use it!

Say sentences about the pictures. Use each word and each picture only once.

I hate taking tests.

Now you try.

I don't like cleaning the house.

I love listening to music.

I like going swimming.

I don't mind doing homework.

and drama. Each lesson is 30 to 60 minutes long. And there are 9 to 15 lessons per week. After the lessons, the students study for five to six hours a day. And sometimes they have a food technology class in their kitchen. Jamie and Paul love baking! In the mornings and afternoons, Jamie and Paul work on their sheep farm. They don't mind doing this. They learn a lot of from their family. They can do P.E. on their big playing field. Jamie and Paul hate being so far away from their friends. But they like living on a farm.

GLOBETROTTERS

The School of the Air

Time for school in Australia. Lots of schools here are probably like yours. They have got classrooms, a canteen, a reception, a main hall, a library, toilets and lockers. Students can walk to school. Or drive. But Australia is a very big country. Some families, like Jamie and Paul's family, live on farms far away from cities or towns. This area is called the 'Outback'. It can take many hours or a whole day to drive to the next town! So how do these children get to school? They can't! They stay at home and learn through the "The School of the Air". They have got classes over the Internet or radio. The students' teachers are at a school in a big town in the middle of the country, such as Broken Hill or Alice Springs. They prepare the lessons in the staffroom and then explain everything 'on air'. This means over the radio or computer. The students don't have a sports hall or science lab at home. But they have got their own ICT room and can listen and talk to their classmates and teachers. They study art, English, computer science, maths, science, music, Spanish, history, geography