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Vocabulary and grammar guide

This guide uses English only. Read the examples, then complete the practice without looking at the answers.

1. I can draw.

Use can + verb to talk about an ability. Do not put to after can.

Episode: I can draw.

New example: I can cook.

2. I want to make posters.

Use want + to + verb to talk about a plan or wish.

Episode: I want to make posters.

New example: I want to make a cake.

3. I need a job now.

Use need for something necessary. Now makes the need immediate.

Episode: I need a job now.

New example: I need help now.

4. Important to me

This means that you care about something.

Episode: My drawings are important to me.

New example: My family is important to me.

5. Cannot

Cannot means not able to. It is one word in writing.

Episode: I cannot make coffee.

New example: I cannot swim yet.

Grammar focus: can and want to

Ability: subject + can + verb. Example: She can draw. Plan: subject + want + to + verb. Example: She wants to make posters.

Common mistakes: Do not say I can to draw. Do not say I want make posters.

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Vocabulary and grammar practice - answers are on the next page

1. Choose: I can (draw / to draw).
2. Choose: I want (make / to make) posters.
3. Complete: Maya ___ draw.
4. Complete: Maya wants ___ make posters.
5. Put in order: can / I / cook.
6. Put in order: want / I / to / a cake / make.
7. Complete: I ___ help now.
8. Choose: Cannot means (not able to / very happy).
9. Correct the sentence: I can to swim.
10. Correct the sentence: I want make posters.

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Vocabulary and grammar practice - answers

1. draw.
2. to make.
3. can.
4. to.
5. I can cook.
6. I want to make a cake.
7. need.
8. not able to.
9. I can swim.
10. I want to make posters.