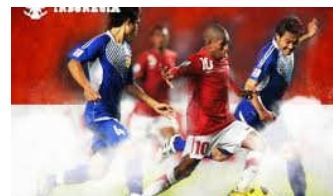


## Week 10

Expressing and enquiring  
ability/inability to do something

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## Expressing ability

### Neutral expressions

1. I can . . . .
2. It's not too difficult to . . . .
3. . . . Is/are not too difficult.
4. I know how to . . . .
5. I know . . . .
6. I know something about . . . .
7. I might be able to . . . .

### Informal expressions

8. I reckon I can . . . .
  9. I'm not too bad at . . . .
  10. There's just a chance I can/could . . . . [sounds modest]
  11. It's easy as pie!
  12. It's a cinch!
  13. It's a piece of cake!
  14. I'm pretty good at . . . .
- } [sound boastful]

### Formal expressions

15. I'd say I was capable of . . . .
16. I'm capable of . . . .
17. I feel capable of . . . .
18. I don't think that would prove too difficult . . . .
19. I have experience of . . . .
20. I'd say I was able to . . . .
21. I'm able to . . . .
22. I feel able to . . . .
23. (I think) I have the qualifications/experience (necessary) . . . .
24. (I think) I have the ability/abilities (necessary) . . . .

Expressing inabilities

- Neutral expressions
1. I can't . . . .
  2. I don't know how to . . . .
  3. I'm not sure I can/know how to . . . .
  4. I don't know anything about . . . .

- Informal expressions
5. I haven't got a clue how to . . . .
  6. I've no idea how . . . .
  7. I haven't the faintest/foggiest idea how . . . .
  8. There is no way I can . . . .
  9. I don't reckon I can . . . .
  10. I wouldn't know where to begin/start . . . .
  11. I'm hopeless at . . . .
  12. I'm no good at . . . .
  13. Sorry, I can't manage . . . .

- Formal expressions
14. I'm not sure I am capable of . . . .
  15. I don't feel capable of . . . .
  16. (I think) that would prove too difficult . . . .
  17. I don't feel I am able to . . . .
  18. I would 't say I was able to . . . .
  19. (I am afraid) . . . . might be beyond me.
  20. (I am afraid) . . . . might be beyond my capabilities/abilities.
  21. I have no experience of . . . .
  22. I don't think I have the qualification/experience (necessary) . . . .
  23. I don't think I have the ability/abilities (necessary) . . . .
  24. (I'm afraid) I can't cope with . . . .

