

Mari's Abilities

Ron asks Mari about things she can do well.



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Mari: I like to cook, more specifically, I like to cook for people. I like to have people over and eat with people. I don't really like to eat alone, so I don't like to cook for myself. I like to cook for other people, but more than cooking I like to bake.

Ron: Baking. What do you like to bake?

Mari: Cookies and brownies and cake.

Ron: That sounds very good. I would like to eat one of your brownies. OK, next, are you a good singer?

Mari: I am terrible at singing. I don't like going to karaoke and I don't like to sing. I like music, but I can't sing for my life. I, yesterday, or I guess in class it was a student's birthday and I made my students sing Happy

Birthday but they wouldn't start so I had to start them off singing and my voice was so bad, they started laughing at me, so I'm just a terrible singer.

Ron: That's funny. OK, next. Are you a good dancer?

Mari: No, I'm not a good dancer. I can't dance at all. I used to when I was younger, my parents would enroll me in ballet classes, so I did ballet for six years but I am not very good at dancing.

Ron: So, you're a teacher now right? So, were you a good student when you were a student?

Mari: I was a good student because I'm a dork. No, yeah, I think I was a good student. I tried hard in all of my classes. I always did my homework. I was always focused and took notes during class. If I didn't

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Ron: And athletics? Were you a good athlete, and are you a good athlete now?

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Ron: And which one was your favorite sport?

Mari: My favorite sport was ice-hockey.

**Task 1**

Read the text or listen to the audio. Where do Jeff and Jonathan consider going? Is it a good or bad place to meet people? What are their reasons?

1) Place	Good / Bad	Reason
[] supermarket		
[] library		
[] music concert		
[] bowling alley		
[] shopping center		
[] pub / bar		
[] park		
[] gym / health club		
[] bank		
[] cafe		

Bonus: Do you agree? What about the other places on the list? Discuss with a partner.

**Task 2**

Are you good at the following activities? Give a reason for each one and then share your ideas with a partner.

ex) I'm **good** / not good at dancing because I copy what I see in the music videos.

- 1) I'm **good** / not good at sports because
- 2) I'm **good** / not good at English because
- 3) I'm **good** / not good at Math because
- 4) I'm **good** / not good at driving because
- 5) I'm **good** / not good at video games because
- 6) I'm **good** / not good at _____ because
- 7) I'm **good** / not good at _____ because
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Word Completion

Complete the missing words.
 Option 1: Read the text and try to predict the missing word.
 Option 2 : Listen the audio from ello.org and complete the gaps.

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Ron: Interesting.

Bits and Pieces

Circle the mistakes and write them correctly.

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2. When I'm not playing sports, I watch sports on TV. I want to be a pro sporter.

3. I love listening to songs over and over but I don't have very many musics on my iPod.

4. You know what I'm good at? I'm good at spending all of my moneys.

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