

Speaking: In your country



In your country, can people...?

Question	Yes, people can	No, people can't
...legally get married at 16 years of age?		
...leave school at the age of 14?		
...buy alcohol as an adult?		
...buy cigarettes as a child?		
...learn how to drive before the age of 18?		
...stay at home alone at the age of 12?		
...drive on the left-hand side of the road?		
...retire from work at 65 years of age?		
...not pay car tax?		
...not pay car insurance?		
...drive without a full driver's licence?		
...watch TV without a TV license?		
...work and not pay tax?		
...open a bank account before the age of 18?		
...drink alcohol and drive car?		

Asking for assistance / something / permission
Where would people ask these questions?

shoe shop	post office	restaurant	kitchen table
clothes shop	train station	primary school	newsagent
hot classroom	pharmacy	café	hair salon

Can you pass me the salt please? _____

Can I get a €1 stamp please? _____

Can I go to the toilet please? _____

Can I get €10 phone top-up please? _____

Can I try these boots in a size 7 please? _____

Can I get the chicken with pasta dish please? _____

Can I try on this dress please? _____

Can I get something for a child's cold please? _____

Can I make an appointment for my hair next Thursday? _____

Can I get a cappuccino please? _____

Can I get a return ticket to Cork please? _____

Can I open the window please? _____

Ask your partner:

Can you...	Yes, he / she can No, he / she can't
...speak three languages?	
...dance very well?	
...cycle a bicycle?	
...swim very well?	
...cook very well?	
...play a musical instrument?	
...play table tennis?	
...understand Irish people very well?	
...knit?	
...run for 30 minutes?	
...cook food from many different countries?	
...walk to school?	
...type fast?	
...draw very well?	
...read 3 different languages?	