

## Practice

### 1 Write the words in the correct place below.

an ball been cat from hand leave stay that the to train wait was

vowel usually weak	an							
vowel usually strong	ball							

### 2 Some words with weak vowels are underlined. Put a circle around the other words with weak vowels. The number in brackets () tells you how many other words there are.

▶▶ 4.73 Listen and check.

- 0 Would you like a cup of tea? (1)
- 1 Louise comes from the United States. (1)
- 2 We were always very busy in the mornings. (1)
- 3 I told you that I'd been to France. (1)
- 4 They are going to repair the car. (2)
- 5 Let's go to the park – we can do our English homework tonight. (2)
- 6 June 21st is the longest day of the year. (2)
- 7 The black jeans are cheaper than the blue ones. (3)
- 8 I can play the piano at the show. I can't play the guitar. (3)

### 3 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the conversation. Then put a circle around the weak forms of *can*. Underline the strong forms, including *can't*. ▶▶ 4.74 Listen and check.

- FRAN It's nearly the end of our last year at university.  
We should organise a party.
- ZOE Yes, you're right. Where (0) can we have it,  
do you think?
- ALEX We (1) can probably use the student  
union building.
- ZOE (2) Can you check?
- ALEX Yes, I (3) can. No problem.  
I'll do that tomorrow.
- FRAN What about food?
- (4) Can we do the food ourselves?
- ALEX No, we (5) can't. The university cooks  
will have to do it. But I'm sure they  
(6) can do it for a good price.
- FRAN OK. What about music? I suppose we  
(7) can't organise that, either.
- ALEX Yes, we (8) can. We just bring the CDs we  
want and play them on the system there.
- ZOE Great. Look, I'll do an invitation tomorrow and  
show it to you. Then we (9) can decide who to  
invite. OK?
- ALEX Yes, but I've got a class in the morning, so I (10) can't meet you  
until after lunch.
- ZOE Let's meet at about 2.00, then.
- FRAN Good idea.

