

Grammar

Ways to express alternatives: *or*, *and*

He can work mornings
They can work Saturdays
I can't work Mondays

or
and
or

afternoons.
Sundays.
Tuesdays.

Grammar Watch

Use *or* (not *and*) in negative statements.

PRACTICE

A Complete the conversations. Write *and* or *or*.

1. A: Which shift do you prefer?

B: I'm flexible. I can work first shift or second shift.

2. A: Can you work weekends?

B: Sure! I can work both Saturday _____ Sunday. I want a lot of hours.

3. A: Can you work both Saturday and Sunday?

B: I'll be happy to work Saturday _____ Sunday, but I can't work both days.

4. A: Can you take classes in the morning _____ in the evening?

B: In the morning. I can't take classes in the evening because I work second shift.

B Look at Carlos's and Nadia's job applications. Write two sentences about each person's availability. Use *or* with *can* and *can't*.

1. Carlos can work second shift or third shift.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Carlos Hernandez

When can you work? Check the boxes.

first shift second shift third shift weekends

Nadia Perez

When can you work? Check the boxes.

first shift second shift third shift weekends

C WRITE. Write two sentences about your own work availability. Use *or* with *can* and *can't*.

1 GRAMMAR

A Complete the parts of a job interview. Use *can* and *can't*. Use the words in parentheses.

Manager: Can you use a cash register?
(you / use)

Terry: No, I _____, but _____.
(I / learn)

Manager: OK, well, maybe _____ shelves at first.
(you / stock)

Terry: Sure. _____ that.
(I / do)

Manager: Do you prefer afternoons or evenings?

Terry: _____ in the afternoon or in the evening. I'm flexible.
(I / work)

Manager: _____ on weekends?
(you / work)

Terry: Sure. On the weekend, _____ mornings, afternoons, or evenings.
(I / work)

Manager: _____ tomorrow?
(you / start)

Terry: Yes, _____.

B Complete the sentences. Use *ago*, *and*, *in*, *last*, *later*, and *or*.

Ali Osman came to the U.S. in 2005. One month _____,
1. 2.
he started school. He got his first job _____ 2006. It was in a hospital, and
3.
he worked nights. Ali didn't like his work schedule. A few weeks _____, his
4.
boss asked, "Ali, do you prefer days _____ nights?" Ali said, "I prefer days."
5.
A week _____, he changed his hours.
6.

Ali continued to go to school. _____ year, he had classes three nights a
7.
week: on Monday, Tuesday, _____ Thursday. This year, he's going to school
8.
_____ the morning. He changed jobs a few weeks _____. He has a
9. 10.
better job at a different hospital. But now he works from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., so
he can't go to class in the afternoon _____ the evening.
11.