

Able

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“**Able**” is an adjective that should only be used for living things (mortals and animals).

So humans are **able** to do things (poder hacer algo o saber hacer algo). Here are two examples:

- Alejandro is an **able** student
- Sanchez is not an **able** politician

“**Able**” can also mean “**capaz**” as in this example:

- Alejandro is one of our **ablest** students (Alejandro es uno de nuestros alumnos **más capaces**).

You should not use “able” for things. These examples are incorrect:

- Alejandro’s Porsche is **able** to go very fast.
- This computer programme may be **able** to calculate the answers.